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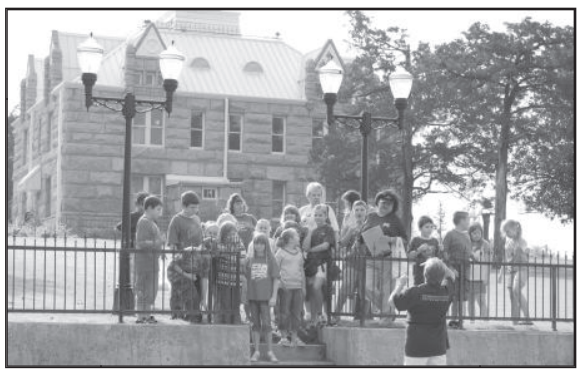

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'Chickasaw Nation strongest it has ever been'

Education, economy, housing, health care moving ahead

Gov. Bill Anoatubby prpares to deliver the State of the Nation address during the Chickasaw Festival and Annual Meeting.

TISHOMINGO, Okla. – Delivering the annual State of the Nation address during the Chickasaw Festival and Annual Meeting, Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said "the state of the Chickasaw Nation is the strongest it has ever been in modern times."

"The number of Chickasaws pursuing their educations and going on to earn their degrees is higher than ever before, our economy is strong, employment opportunities here and around the country have grown since we gathered here one year ago," said Gov. Anoatubby.

Gov. Anoatubby delivered the annual address to an overflow crowd October 6 at Murray State College's Fletcher Auditorium.

He focused on the fact that the Chickasaw people have worked together to achieve success. "We have always worked for a better way of life. And the key word is we," said Gov. Anoatubby. "Today, we unite to continue in the protection of our sovereign rights. Together, we carry on the torch passed to us to improve the lives of Chickasaw people."

To illustrate that idea, Gov. Anoatubby brought each administrator of the 17 divisions of tribal government on stage to talk about recent achievements in economic development, health care, education, housing, economic development and other areas.

Economic Development

Tribal revenues continue to grow and the operations budget of the tribe doubled from the previous year as a result of an increase in tribal services, according to Jenny Trett, administrator of the Division of Treasury.

Gov. Anoatubby also introduced Brian Campbell, administrator of the Division of Commerce. "Business development is vital to our continued progress," said Gov. Anoatubby. "With the growth of our economy, we can continue to expand and meet the needs of all Chickasaws."

Mr. Campbell discussed plans to expand WinStar Casinos, which has been profitable for the tribe, as well as having a positive impact on the local economy.

"Independent developers continue to develop the surrounding areas with homes, restaurants and other businesses," said Mr. Campbell.

He also discussed newly developed programs to encourage individual entrepreneurship.

Health Care

"Health care has been, and continues to be, a priority," said Gov. Anoatubby as he introduced Bill Lance, administrator of the Chickasaw Nation Health System.

Mr. Lance outlined plans for a new state-of-the-art hospital facility to be constructed in Ada. The new facility will be nearly

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Johnson-Billy year's Dynamic Woman

Dynamic Woman of the Year Lisa Johnson-Billy is flanked by Gov. Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel.

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation presented Oklahoma State Representative Lisa Johnson-Billy the 2007 Dynamic Woman of the Year award during the Chickasaw Arts and Culture Awards ceremony October 4 in Tishomingo. The ceremony was part of the 19th Annual Chickasaw Festival activities.

The Dynamic Woman of the Year award was created to honor outstanding achievements and accomplishments of Chickasaw women. Rep. Johnson-Billy is the second recipient of this prestigious award.

"It's very humbling to win this award," Rep. Johnson-Billy said following the awards ceremony. "My first thought is that I'm not really deserving. My next thought is that I realize that I'm reaching an age where I need to set a good example so that our younger women can continue to be dynamic, not only for the Chickasaw Nation, but for our state and for our country."

Rep. Johnson-Billy, of Purcell, was elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives from District 42 in 2004. She is the first Native American and the first woman elected from the district.

She serves as the chairman of the International, Federal and Tribal Relations Committee and sits on the General Government/ Transportation, Human Services and the Children & Families committees. In 2006, she initiated the first Oklahoma Native American Caucus and serves as caucus co-chair. She is also vice-chair of the majority caucus and a House deputy whip.

"It is dynamic women like Lisa Billy who have helped make this nation great," Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby said during the awards presentation. "She has been successful in accomplishing her goals on every level and continues to make her family, and her tribe, proud."

Prior to her election to the

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Joins ECU alumni Governors Kerr, Nigh, McFarland

Gov. Anoatubby inducted into ECU Hall of Governors

ADA, Okla. - East Central University President Richard Rafes inducted Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby into ECU's Hall of Governors Friday, Oct. 26.

Gov. Anoatubby said he was accepting the honor on behalf of all Chickasaws.

"You honor them, not just me," said Gov. Anoatubby. "This recognition is important to them. On behalf of all these Chickasaws, and the hard working and dedicated staff, management and leadership we have at the nation – I accept it on their behalf, because I stand on their shoulders. And I'm really proud to do that."

Gov. Anoatubby graduated from ECU in 1972.

He began career with the Chickasaw Nation in 1975. He served as director of tribal health services, director of finance, special assistant to the governor and controller before being elected the first Lt. Governor of the tribe in 1979.

Since being elected to his first term as governor in 1987, the Chickasaw Nation has grown from 250 employees and an $11 million budget in 1987 to more than 10,000 employees today and capital outlays of more than $350 million.

Dr. Tom Cowger, Director of the ECU Native American Studies Program, gave Gov. Anoatubby credit for helping start the program.

Dr. Cowger lauded Gov. Anoatubby as "someone who can truly be called a visionary." A proclamation entered into *The Congressional Record* by U.S. Rep. Tom Cole paid tribute to Gov. Anoatubby as a leader on a local, state and national level. State Rep. Todd Thomsen congratulated the Governor "for being a part of leaving a legacy of excellence and opportunity and hope."

"I commend you for being a leader who is a great servant," added Thomsen. Gov. Anoatubby and his wife, Janice, have two sons, Brian and Chris, and five grandchildren.

He was named an ECU Distinguished Alumnus in 1995 and was inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame in 2004.

Gov. Anoatubby is only the fourth ECU graduate to be inducted into the Hall of governors. Other inductees are Robert S. Kerr, Earnest McFarland and George Nigh.

"They all left a legacy of service," said Gov. Anoatubby. "All of these men blazed trails and had great accomplishments. "It is certainly an honor to be in their midst. And I find it very difficult to join them," he added with obvious emotion.

Gov. Anoatubby during ceremonies inducting him into the ECU Hall of Governors. He is pictured with the bust that will be displayed in the ECU Hall of Governors along with those of Oklahoma Governors Robert Kerr and George Nigh, and Arizona Governor Earnest McFarland. All are ECU alumni.

Bellefeuille - Gordon elected Chickasaw Supreme Court Chief Justice

CHERI BELLEFEUILLE-GORDON

Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon has been elected to serve a one-year term as Chief Justice of the Chickasaw Supreme Court. Bellefeuille-Gordon was elected by fellow Justices Barbara Anne Smith and Mark Colbert.

Bellefeuille-Gordon's term began October 1, 2007 and will run through September 30, 2008.

This marks Bellefeuille-Gordon's second term as Chief Justice. Her first term was in 2003-04 when she became the first female Chief Justice in Chickasaw Nation, and was the presiding Chief Justice when the Chickasaw Nation District Court was re-established on Jan. 1, 2004.

Gordon-Bellefeuille, 38, was first elected to the Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court in 2002. Justices are elected by a popular vote of registered Chickasaw Nation voters. Justices are elected to three-year terms.

Bellefeuille-Gordon is proud of the court's efforts and its growth in providing service to the Chickasaw people .

An additional court advocate office recently opened in Purcell, and an office in Ardmore is in the works. Bellefeuille-Gordon said a grant had been awarded to expand the courts throughout the Chickasaw Nation.

"We are trying to reach more citizens," she said.

Court advocates Darlene Cheadle and David Ponder help citizens through each step of the judicial process, such as filing paperwork. Both court advocates are licensed attorneys in the State of Oklahoma and with the Chickasaw Nation Bar Association.

The District Court, Bellefeuille-Gordon said, hears child custody cases, family law, juvenile cases and small claims cases.

The Peacemaking court, Bellefeuille-Gordon said, is one avenue Chickasaw citizens can use to settle disputes outside a courtroom.

"The idea behind Peacemaking court is to do what is best for all parties," she said.

Peacemaking court is conducted in a neutral location and all parties involved in a dispute sit in a circle. A mediator presides and allows each party to present his case, uninterrupted.

Other tribes are using the Chickasaw Peacemaking Court, Bellefeuille-Gordon said, as a model for similar programs.

Bellefeuille-Gordon and her husband, Dan Gordon, were married June 8, 2007. She has one son, Noah, 10, a fifth grader at Sulphur Intermediate School. Her mother, the late Donna Bellefeuille, worked for the tribe almost 30 years. She was Director of Transportation at the time of her death. As she was growing up in Sulphur, Bellefeuille-Gordon watched the tribe grow from about 30 employees in the 1970s to 10,000-plus employees today.

She was also a Chickasaw Princess in 1989-90.

"The Nation has always been a big part of my life," she said. "Growing up, I always wanted to give back."

She said she had now found a way to help the tribe that has provided her with many opportunities.

Bellefeuille-Gordon has also found other ways to give back to the community. She volunteers with the March of Dimes fundraiser each year and is a trustee of the Mary E. Parker Memorial Library in Sulphur.

A proud mother, she can also be found helping Noah with his goat each Spring at the Murray County Livestock Show.

Family is a vital part of Bellefeuille-Gordon's life. She had one sister, the late Cris Bellefeuille, and has one brother, Chuck Bellefeuille. Her grandparents are the late Ben Seeley and Viola Seeley and her great grandparents were original enrollees Mamie Tushkatomby and Walter Seeley.

In the role of Chief Justice, Bellefeuille-Gordon will be responsible for reviewing and approving all court administrative documents. The judicial power of the Supreme Court extends to all cases arising under the Constitution, Laws and Treaties of the Chickasaw Nation and to all controversies to which the Chickasaw Nation shall be a party. The Supreme Court is located at 124 E. Main, Suite 11, in Ada, Okla.

To contact or make an appointment with a Supreme Court Justice, call (580) 235-0281.

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Ground soon to be broken on new tribal health facility

By BILL ANOATUBBY
Governor
Chickasaw Nation

This month we plan to break ground on a dream.

This dream is long held by virtually all Chickasaw people. One of the essential building blocks of a good life, our dream will serve our descendants far into the future. Hundreds of thousands will visit to take advantage of our dream's healing touch.

In 1994, our tribe assumed authority for Indian health care through a compact with the Indian Health Service. At that time, we took a giant first step toward our dream. With the compact, the Chickasaw Nation Health System was created to provide high quality health care for Chickasaws and other Indian people. We assumed responsibility for Carl Albert Hospital in Ada, and the satellite clinics in the Chickasaw Nation. We then expanded health care services by building and staffing the Family Practice Clinic, the Diabetes Care Center, the Pharmacy Refill Center, Nutrition Services sites, the several wellness centers and the new satellite clinic in Purcell.

Each of these additions proved to be a benefit to Chickasaw Nation Health System patients and their families. However, our expanded health care operation became, in many ways, too successful. Patient volumes at each of our Health System facilities have increased, in some cases quite markedly. In particular, Carl Albert Hospital has accommodated much higher patient traffic than originally intended.

When completed in 1980, Carl Albert Hospital was projected to manage a little more

Gov. Bill Anoatubby

than 20,000 patient visits each year. Today, Carl Albert welcomes more than 10 times that number of annual visits! It is obvious that we are bursting at the seams as we maximize the use of our current health care capacity.

As we have grown as a tribe, the health care needs of the people have grown. With the addition of critical new services and medical professionals, more and more people have sought health care through our Health System.

Now, the dream is at hand. This month, the Chickasaw Nation will break ground on the long anticipated tribal health facility.

We have known for many years this project would be big, complex, challenging – and the very best thing ever produced for the Chickasaw people.

Over the years, Chickasaws have been consistent in their opinion that health care is the number one tribal priority. Our health care – in partnership with our nutrition, housing and education programs - form the foundation on which we build happy, healthy Chickasaw lives.

Our new tribal health facility is the culmination of that long-held dream. Over three times the size of our current Carl Albert Health Facility, our new building increases, enhances and expands those health care services that are vital to Chickasaw health. In addition to this new state-of-the-art center, our quality medical, technical and support staffs will be significantly bolstered to provide an exceptional level of quality care.

From Family Practice to pediatrics, dental to vision, surgery to imaging, Health System patients will soon realize a new universe of health care choices. Our new tribal health facility truly represents the culmination of our Chickasaw health care dream.

We have together traveled the road to this important time in our history. We can now begin the building phase of our medical center – designed to support healthy Chickasaws, strong Chickasaw families, and bright Chickasaw futures.

Southeastern artists display work during Festival

Wayne Walker received Best in Division-Cultural for his adorned deer skin bag.

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities once again hosted the annual Southeastern Art Show and Market (SEASAM) for Native American artists across the country.

The show was open to all artists of Southeast and Woodlands tribes and included entries from members of each of the Five Civilized Tribes. Types of work included textiles, paintings, weaving, wood carvings, metalwork, photography, pottery, jewelry, sculpting and more.

Artists, who were juried into the market by a panel of judges, were also able to enter the art show to compete for a number of cash awards. Cash prizes were given to first, second and third place winners in each category, and medals and cash awards were awarded to Best in Division and Best in Show winners.

The winning artwork, as well as work from all 36 participating artists, was displayed during the Chickasaw Annual Festival in Tishomingo. The public not only got to see the incredible artwork, but could also purchase pieces from the artists at the art market.

The winners selected in each category were:

• 2-D Painting -
Mary Howard (Muscogee)
Fran Rice (Chickasaw)
Mary Beth Nelson (Cherokee)

• 2-D Drawing -
Jon Tiger (Muscogee)
Jon Tiger (Muscogee)
Eli Johnson (Chickasaw)

• 2-D Graphics -
Paul Moore (Chickasaw)
Mary Beth Nelson (Cherokee)

• 2-D Photography -
Paul Moore (Chickasaw)
Sherry Nail (Chickasaw)

• 3-D Miniatures -
Joanna Underwood (Chickasaw)
Scott Roberts (Muscogee)
Lorie Robins (Chickasaw)

• 3-D Sculpture -
Michael Cornelius (Chickasaw)
Tony Dowell (Chickasaw)
Charlie Kemp (Chickasaw)

• 3-D Bead -
Steve Adamietz (Chickasaw)
Lorie Robins (Chickasaw)
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• 3-D Textiles -
Margaret Roach Wheeler (Chickasaw)
Margeret Roach Wheeler (Chickasaw)
Candessa Morgan (Cherokee)

• 3-D Pottery -
Joanna Underwood (Chickasaw)
Scott Roberts (Muscogee)
Joanna Underwood (Chickasaw)

• Cultural Open -
Fran Rice (Chickasaw)
Trevor Clark Sr. (Chickasaw)
Charlie Kemp (Chickasaw)

• Cultural Beadwork/Quillwork -
Steve Adamietz (Chickasaw)
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• Cultural Traditional Dress -
Robert Perry (Chickasaw)
Robert Perry (Chickasaw)

• Cultural Flutes -
Michael Cornelius (Chickasaw)
Michael Cornelius (Chickasaw)
Trevor Clark Sr. (Chickasaw)

• Cultural Weaponry -
Eli Johnson (Chickasaw)
Gary Maytubby (Chickasaw)
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• Cultural Adornments to Regalia -
Cody Harjo (Seminole)
Cody Harjo (Seminole)
Candessa Morgan (Cherokee)

The top winners selected in each category were:

• Best in Division 2-D –
Brent Greenwood (Chickasaw) for his painting entitled "Medicine Birds"

• Best in Division 3-D –
Scott Roberts (Muscogee) for his ceremonial bottle pottery piece

• Best in Division Cultural –
Wayne Walker (Chickasaw) for his adorned deer skin bag

• Best in Show –

Jerry Haney received Best in Show for his wood sculpture entitled "Stickball Player."

Jerry Haney (Seminole) for his wood sculpture entitled "Stickball Player"

Southeastern and Woodlands artists who are interested in future shows and markets, or would like to be included in the Chickasaw Nation Art Directory should contact Arts Instructor Trina Jones at trina.jones@chickasaw.net or (580) 272-5520.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

National Indian Heritage Month has a great history

Dean McManus
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello to everyone; hope this finds you all well!

My committee had one resolution this month, General Resolution 25-002, Application for Membership to the National Congress of American Indians. This organization is instrumental in supporting issues of importance to Native Americans. As an independent group, NCAI is a representative of the largest concentrations of Native Americans and is often called upon by Congress to provide information and testimony on important Indian subjects. The Chickasaw Nation has 40,000 citizens which entitles us to 180 votes at the NCAI Annual Convention, which will be in Denver, Colorado in November.

Speaking of national organization issues, in 1915 the Annual Congress of American Indians meeting in Lawrence, Kansas formally approved a plan concerning American Indian Day. After much hard work, including riding horseback from state to state seeking approval to achieve this special day, a formal appeal for recognition came to be.

It continues to be a day we observe without any recognition as a national legal holiday. However, in 1990 President George H.W. Bush, approved a joint resolution designating November, 1990 National Indian Heritage Month. Similar proclamations have been issued each year since 1994. The National Native American Heritage month celebrates the culture, contributions and heritage of Native Americans.

Our dance troupe is booked solid during the month of November to perform at the local and areas schools. To learn more what our Chickasaws are doing you must have the two following books. I have received my first copy of the *New Historical Society "IKSAACH"* featuring five Chickasaw artists. It is a beautiful book that you will enjoy tremendously. The Chickasaw Historical Society Board desired to do this booklet, instead of a calendar, so we could feature more of our Chickasaw artists. *The New Journal of Chickasaw History and Culture* is awesome. It is in a new format with more stories and information. It will only be published twice a year, but you will love it. If you are interested in submitting a story and pictures of and about your family, please do so. Humor is widely used by Indians to deal with life. Indian gatherings are marked by laughter and jokes[1], so let us hear from you.

Until next time; I love you and God Bless

The Sacred Hoop: Recovering the Feminine in American Indian Traditions (1986)

Be sure you have an 'active chart' with Health System

Beth Alexander
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Happy Thanksgiving Citizens! The turkey season is upon us. To start off this month I have included two pictures of recent exciting events that have occurred to Panola District Citizens. The lady holding the money is Kay Anders of Achille, Okla. She was a winner in the cash drawing held during the annual festival in Tishomingo. Kay taught for 37 years in the Panola District, at the high school in Achille, Oklahoma and now teaches Business Computer Applications part time. She has been married to Harold Anders for 41 years and has resided in Bryan County all her life. Kay enjoys reading, traveling, concerts and attending plays and the theatre. Congratulations Kay on your $2,000.

Kay Anders of Achille, Okla., was a recipient of the $2,000 drawing during the Chickasaw Nation State of the Nation.

Last month the Senior Citizens of the Achille Senior Nutrition Site took a trip to San Antonio, Texas. They toured the Alamo, other missions in the area, and sampled excellent Tex-Mex cooking! This is the first solo overnight outing for the Panola District group. They had a wonderful time and are already making plans for the next trip! It is so exciting to witness some of our Panola District Citizens being involved.

I would like to see the Panola District have a community council. I am looking for Chickasaw Citizens in or around the District that would be interested in starting one. By forming a community council, it would help bring pertinent information to the Citizens in this district and draw us closer together. Not only could we learn more about tribal programs but we could work on having activities to benefit our children and communities, such as dinners, entertainment or workshops on a variety of subjects. I have witnessed other councils having classes on beading, language, and stickball making to name a few. All that is required to make this happen is citizen participation! I am looking for you! For those who reside outside the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation within driving distance, you are welcome to attend and those further a field contact me and we will see if there are any councils near your area. (You do not have to be Chickasaw to participate.)

Recently, I received an email from a citizen concerning "Active Charts" in the Chickasaw Nation Health Care System. What is an "Active Chart" and why do I need one? Any Chickasaw Citizen with a valid CDIB Card and Citizenship Card is eligible to utilize the Chickasaw Nation Health Care System. It does not matter where you live, how much money you earn or whether or not you have private insurance. We know it would be more convenient if you lived close, but we do have citizens that drive or fly in to take advantage of the Nation's Health Care System. By using the "System" for any healthcare need it provides the Chickasaw Citizen with an "Active Chart" for up to three years. During this time, if something major or costly occurs then the citizen is eligible for additional money ($2,500) to assist in covering extra expenses. The program is called Maps (Medical Assistance Program Services.) Many Citizens have been fortunate to work for a company that provides the opportunity to have insurance and have never had to use the Chickasaw Nation Healthcare System. They have not wanted to take advantage of the system that the Tribe provides unless absolutely necessary. However, there might come a time when using the Tribal Healthcare is a must. Don't be ineligible for the MAPS Program because you or your Chickasaw family members don't have an "Active Chart" with the Chickasaw Nation's Health Care System. This is the first step. There are many other conditions that must be met to access the MAPS program. To learn more about this particular program contact Shawna Russell toll free at 1-888-512-5522.

From left, Bernice Sweeney, Hearl Mead, Flora Mead, Wanda Lewis, LD Love, Olene Beshires, Joe Beshirs, Deva Hodge, Dolly Nichols and Mary Cox.

Last month we celebrated the Chickasaw Nation's Annual Festival in Tishomingo, Okla. It was a time to gather and fellowship. To view pictures from the festival go to the Nation's website: www.chickasaw.net. I want to thank each and every person who played a part. Many volunteers and employees worked long hours before, during and after the Festival. Their participation and hard work made the event possible.

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Great strides being taken in Chicksaw health care

Linda Briggs
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello, Everyone!

What an extravaganza the Festival was! I hope you were one of the fortunate in attendance. It was great. Every year I think it just couldn't get better – and somehow, it does! The rain came, for a while, but really did not seem to slow anything down and most certainly did not dampen anyone's spirits. Homecomings are somehow so special and wonderful and it was all that a homecoming should be.

I have spoken before of my own family's park, which is located on original allotment land of my maternal grandmother, Minnie Keel Liddell. This year at our family reunion we dedicated to my grandmother's memory a monument with her picture affixed thereon and a brief version of her abiding wish for the family – her descendants. (Her wish was that her descendants would gather together at least once a year to get to know each other and to honor our Chickasaw heritage.) Here is a picture of that monument; I thought you might like to see it. My mother was the oldest of the eleven children of Minnie and Vernon Liddell and now there are only four surviving. The two who were able to be in attendance at the reunion and who are pictured herein are Iverson (Ike) Liddell and Betty Liddell Galloway. They are the two youngest of the eleven.

Reunions are a grand tradition on all levels – individual families or the entire tribal family!

With October we begin a "new year" tribally. My good friend Dr. Judy Goforth Parker and I have been honored by our fellow legislators by being elected to the position of Chairperson (me) and Secretary (Judy) for the new year. We have much appreciation for the confidence they place in our leadership and we are humbled by their action. Certainly we will endeavor in every way possible to warrant their trust. We have both served in both positions previously.

Every day is a day closer to the beginning of the new hospital. It is of such enormous important to us as it will so greatly upgrade the quality of the healthcare for not just those of us who are Chickasaws but all Native Americans who come to us for their care.

Judy Parker and I had a long visit with Governor Anoatubby the other day and he outlined some of the proposed programs envisioned to improve the quality of our citizens, especially our elders. Some really good and life enhancing projects are in the works. Such a great time in the history of the Chickasaw Nation! God bless all of you.

Linda Briggs

Iverson (Ike) Liddell and Betty Liddell Galloway.

Ground broken on much-needed new child care center

Mary Jo Green
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Committee Chair of the Health Care Committee! Fall is beautiful here in the Chickasaw Nation. Mornings are cool, and the foliage is turning vivid colors. In olden times, October was called the Moon of the Falling Leaves.

I attended the ground breaking for the new child care facility in Ada. Because of the increasing demand for more child care services, we need to build a bigger facility. We are trying to satisfy a long waiting list. The new facility will contain age appropriate classrooms, cafeteria, media room, aerobic room, sick room, indoor play areas, screening rooms and more. It will truly be state of the art.

The Health Care Committee met with Health System Administrator Bill Lance on October 9 who told us that a new obstetrician, Dr. Faye Jensen, is now working at Carl Albert Hospital. She is a welcome addition to the staff of the Women's Clinic and we welcome her warmly.

I also have breaking news! The Chickasaw Nation has been awarded a grant from the Indian Heath Service regarding our new hospital. We had serious competition for the grant and it is a definite coup for us to receive it. The grant will assist in providing equipment and operating expenses for the new hospital.

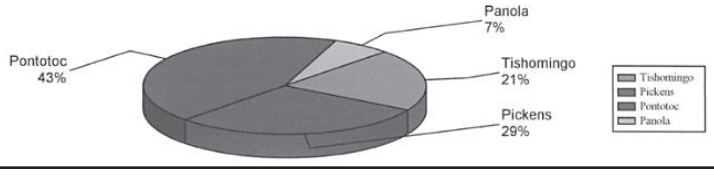
Bill Lance submitted the following statistics: for the month of September, 2007, there were 205 hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 17,124. September Emergency Room visits were 1,132. September saw 281 surgeries and the Same-day Clinic saw 2,490 patients.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 1,922 patients in September. The Ardmore Clinic saw 2,685 patients and the Tishomingo Clinic saw 1,791. The Durant Clinic saw 2,234 patients and the Purcell Clinic saw 1,499 in September.

May you all enjoy the best of health possible and may God bless each of you readers and the Chickasaw Nation. I would love to hear from you! Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Until next month, thank you.

Count of Voters by District

Tishomingo	4,545	Panola	1,455
Pickens	6,393	Pontotoc	9,531
		Total	21,924



Colbert hosting open house at Tish Clinic first Wednesdays

D. Scott Colbert
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature chairman and Tishomingo District legislator Scott Colbert hosts an open office for legislative business at the Tishomingo Clinic between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month.

Please make appointments at (580) 622-3218. You may also call on the first Wednesday of every month at (580) 421-3425.

Feel free to contact Colbert if you have any questions.

Committee brings historic lands home to tribe

Dr. Judy Goforth Parker
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Greetings.

The Land Committee is up and running again for the 25th year of the Legislature. This year, all of our resolutions will start with either PR25 (Permanent Resolution) or GR25 (General Resolution). Most of the time, the resolutions considered by this committee are General Resolutions. These are resolutions that are for a one time vote, and do not change the code of the Chickasaw Nation. The number following GR or PR indicates the year since the ratification of the constitution in 1983. We used to consider Tribal Resolutions, but all resolutions are now General or Permanent.

In the 24th year of our Legislature, beginning in October 2006 and ending September 2007, we considered and voted afirmatively on 29 Resolutions. Land acquisitions were approved on 7 resolutions for a total of 61.09 acres and one acquisition that approved 6 city lots. Once these resolutions are voted on by the Legislature and then signed by the Governor, the administration of the Chickasaw Nation will then complete the acquisition. On occasion, even though we have voted on a resolution and approved it, the acquisition will not go through for one reason or another. The Land Committee will on occasion visit property before we vote on it. We always view maps of the property along with buildings before voting. All of our questions are answered before we make the final decision. Administrators from Housing and the BIA attend our committee meetings so that we can ask quesetion and make the most informed decisions.

Six of our resolutions were for utility or seismic easements. Frequently, the granting of these easements will be for the benefit of our businesses throughout the Chickasaw Nation. It is important that we review the information and ask questions before granting easements. Three resolutions were approved for Right-of-Way easements and 8 resolutions were approved for oil and gas leases.

We transfered title in Pontotoc District for a land swap that benefited both the Chickasaw Nation and the organization that we were trading with. Resolutions such as this do not occur frequently. Also, we transferred property to an organization in the Pickens District. Though this was an infrequent type of resolution for the Land Committee, it will be a benefit to the community and the citizens served by the state of Oklahoma and the Chickasaw Nation.

One resolution that we voted on was for a correction of a legal description. These too happen on occasion. This year, we also voted on one quit claim deed for the clearing of a title defect.

Truthfully, the Land Committee is the most fun. I love working with the administration as well as our committee as we consider resolutions. Probably the most fun piece of property that we ever voted on was the Burney Institute. I loved getting to vote on placing this piece of property back in the hands of the Chickasaw Nation, where it belonged. It is a part of our history that dates back to Civil War days and our early history in Indian Territory.

We all appreciate the opportunity to serve you. I am working slowly on my blog at www.goforthparker.com <http://www.goforthparker.com> . Please view this site and give me some feedback on what you would like to see. You can also contact me at judy.parker@chickasaw.net or call 580-310-4782. I look forward to hearing from you.

Your Tribal Legislator and here to serve you with pleasure,

Judy Goforth Parker, PhD, RN

Chickasaw Legisaltor

Pontotoc District, Seat 2

2006-2007 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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September 2007 Resolutions

General Resolution Number 25-001

Authorization for Acquisition of a Utility Easement in Love County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Nation's acceptance, through the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority (CTUA), of a perpetual utility easement through, over, under, and across approximately 1.92 acres of fee property in Thackerville, Love County, Oklahoma. The easement is necessary for purposes of ensuring adequate water, wastewater, and communications (*i.e.*, telephone and computer) service to the Nation's expanding WinStar Casino. The easement would also include a temporary right, which right would run during the period of the CTUA's construction of the utility infrastructure, to a 40' wide strip of land running along the eastern and southern boundaries of the permanent easement tract.

Presented by: Land Development Committee Judy Goforth Parker, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 25-002

Application for Membership, National Congress of American Indians

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for membership in the National Congress of American Indians. This is virtually the same application which is submitted to the Legislature for approval each year. The NCAI has been instrumental in supporting issues of importance to Native Americans. As an independent group, NCAI is representative of the largest concentration of Native Americans, and is often called upon by Congress to provide information and testimony on important Indian subjects. The Chickasaw Nation has been a member in good standing in NCAI since the early 1980s. This resolution names the representatives of the Chickasaw Nation to NCAI as Governor Bill Anoatubby with first alternate being Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel, the second alternate being Tribal Legislator Linda Briggs and the third alternate being Tribal Legislator Wanda Scott.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

It's that time of year again!

To request a copy of the 2008 Programs and Services Guide or Services At Large Guide, please call (580) 310-6451.

The 2008 guides will be available soon.

Tribe helps with technology needs in modern classroom

Wanda Blackwood Tippit Scott
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Ask any Chickasaw student about school during November and you will almost certainly hear about the volume of work.

Whether elementary, secondary, vocational or higher education students, they are certain to have a work load much larger than previous generations.

There are plenty of reasons for this change. There is more emphasis on education now than just a generation ago, and there is more pressure on students to not only have basic understanding of a subject, but to excel in whatever class they are taking.

However, one of the primary reasons driving student work load is the rapid flow of information. Like it or not, we are fully members of the internet world in which data is transmitted in milliseconds.

Remember when we were in school? Gaining knowledge in a subject and doing research to complete papers and homework entailed a trip to the library. Once in the library, we would search the stacks of books for titles that might shed light on our investigations.

Now, much of the study and research in accomplished on the internet. Students receive assignments and are often directed to websites for research and background.

Additionally, information regarding subjects of study is routinely added at light speed. As new discoveries and interpretations are available, they are posted on educational websites. No longer do instructors and students wait for new research to be compiled, edited, printed, bound and shipped out to libraries. It is now a world of speed.

How do we deal with these new issues while preserving the integrity of our students' studies? We want to be certain our students are receiving proper instruction and information while also making use of these new tools.

One of the most practical things we do for our Chickasaw students is provide them with appropriate laptop computers. With these devices, our students can access the internet virtually anywhere and work on their studies. You might equate a laptop computer today with a complete set of reference volumes from years past.

Of course, it is imperative that students are taught how to navigate the internet and make good use of the tool. There are plenty of sites that do not hold quality information, and students must be taught how to determine the proper line of study on the internet.

Also in today's world, many students take classes in "virtual classrooms." The old ivy-covered brick-and-mortar campuses of America are, in many ways, giving up students to internet college classes.

During the month of August, our tribe provided a total of 121 laptop computers to Chickasaw students. This program opens up a whole new world, and a whole new way of study for this generation of Chickasaw students.

Technology coupled with proper instruction is one very important way we are preparing our Chickasaw students for 21st Century lives.

Tribal business net income establishes new fiscal year record

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, Chickasaw Times and governor's and lt. governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending September 30, 2007

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled $90.0 million year-to-date. Expenditures for the month were $7.5 million and $58.0 year-to-date. There has been a total, beginning in fiscal year 2004, of $85.5 million transferred from the businesses that were reserved for capital projects.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for September totaled $57 million and $663 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was $90 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At September 30, 2007, the tribal government funds had $76 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, $11.6 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had $164 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of September 30, 2007, tribe operations, excluding federal program funding, had assets totaling $765 million with $161 million in payables resulting in net assets of $604 million compared to $539 million at the end of the 2nd quarter of fiscal year 2007 or an increase of $65 million over the second quarter of the fiscal year.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Twelve Months Ended September 30, 2007

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	$	8,442,101	663,811,673	672,253,774
Transfers from businesses to tribal government		81,583,170	(81,583,170)	0
Total funds available		90,025,271	582,228,503	672,253,774
Expenditures				
General government		7,071,290		7,071,290
Legislature		1,414,540		1,414,540
Judiciary		712,455		712,455
Education		9,873,156		9,873,156
Heritage Preservation		3,090,112		3,090,112
Health		17,164,450		17,164,450
Youth and Family Services		4,896,275		4,896,275
Nutrition Programs		2,327,043		2,327,043
Regulatory		3,742,914		3,742,914
Assistance Programs		7,786,034		7,786,034
Transfer to Loan Program		-		-
Gaming expense			357,868,159	357,868,159
Other businesses' expense			134,070,562	134,070,562
Total expenditures		58,078,267	491,938,721	550,016,988
Increase in net assets		31,947,004	90,289,782	122,236,786
Beginning net assets		212,758,722	269,326,725	482,085,448
Ending net assets	$	244,705,726	359,616,507	604,322,234

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
September 30, 2007

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	$	76,277,630	164,409,405	240,687,035
Receivables		1,007,678	24,484,744	25,492,422
Inventory			4,140,799	4,140,799
Prepaid expenses			7,431,343	7,431,343
Other Assets			21,378,916	21,378,916
Fixed assets		167,584,853	299,106,676	466,691,529
Less payables		(164,434)	(161,335,377)	(161,499,811)
Net Assets	$	244,705,726	359,616,507	604,322,234

Tribe breaks ground on new Ada child care center

ADA, Okla. – The Chickasaw Nation conducted groundbreaking ceremonies Tuesday, October 16 for construction of a new Child Care Center at 222 Rosedale Road in Ada.

The new Child Care Center will be a year-around facility which will provide care to approximately 250 children from infant to five years of age. The facility will consist of age appropriate classrooms, a cafeteria, media room, aerobic room, sick room, indoor play areas, developmental screening rooms and more.

The facility will be an approximate 26,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art center to make learning fun for all ages. It 's unique design will resemble a mini town with each room modeled a traditional town store such as a pet store, candy store, fire house and more. The center will also have a unique design with street names and mailboxes.

The Chickasaw Nation child care program's success and continuous growth made facility expansion a must to meet the highest standards of learning and care for Chickasaw children.

"Quality care and education enhances the likelihood children will succeed in school and life," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "This new center will enrich the educational opportunities provided for all children who walk through the doors."

For more information about the new Child Care Center, contact Michelle Key, director of the Chickasaw Nation Child Care Department, at (580) 436-0877.

Contributed by Brooke Tidwell, tribal media relations.

Governor Bill Anoatubby, center, tribal legislators, Ada city councilman Darryl Nemecek, child care staff members, and three Chickasaw children break ground on a 26,000 square-foot child care center, October 16 in Ada. From left, Lavonna West, tribal child care worker; Becky Anoatubby and Michelle Key, of Chickasaw Nation Child Care; tribal legislators Katie Case and Dean McManus; Gov. Anoatubby; tribal legislators Beth Alexander and Mary Jo Green; tribal Division of Education administrator Lisa John; special assistant to the Governor Kennedy Brown; and councilman Nemecek.

Art lesson plans earn honor during Youth Art Month

Chickasaw Nation staff member Kelley Isom was instrumental in the development of a compilation of art lessons for each day of Youth Art Month. The initiative received the Karen Kirkpatrick Youth Art Month Award for Outstanding Organizational Support.

The Oklahoma Art Educators Association (OAEA) recently honored Chickasaw Nation staff member Kelley Isom and the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities with the Karen Kirkpatrick Youth Art Month Award for Outstanding Organizational Support for the second year in a row.

Youth Art Month is an annual observance each March that emphasizes the value of art education for all children and to encourage support for quality school programs.

The honor was awarded to Mrs. Isom for her efforts in leading the division in creating a compilation of art lesson plans for each day of Youth Art Month. These lesson plans are user friendly and provide everything from supplies list, directions and safety guidelines to artists' quotes, related book titles and art terms and discussion items. The lessons are posted on the Chickasaw Nation website and made available to art teachers, parents, educators or even child care centers. The lessons are age appropriate and incorporate plans for ages three to 19.

"We believe this is an important idea because it is a great form of outreach to educators, parents, or even artists," Mrs. Isom said. "It is an easy, accessible set of art lessons to use in the classroom or the home."

This innovative idea has received awards on the state level for two years and will compete against other state winners on a national level. The nationwide winner will be announced at the National Art Education Association Annual Convention in New Orleans in 2008.

The award winning, downloadable lesson plans can still be found on the Chickasaw Nation website at http://www.chickasaw.net/youtharts. Just a few of the fun, hands-on lessons include "Let's Go Buggie," "Souvenir Suitcase," "Hang Up a Buffalo Hide" and "Shoebox Convoy."

"These lessons give the students a great opportunity to be creative and build their self-esteem," Mrs. Isom said. "Art gives children the chance to make something that is truly an expression of themselves and make something that is their own voice."

For more information about the division or arts and humanities and their programs, contact their office at (580) 272-5520.

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Committee Reports

Education Committee
Oct. 9, 2007
Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz, Linda Briggs
Absent: Katie Case, Scott Colbert

Finance Committee
Oct. 15, 2007
Present: Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods
Absent: Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Scott Colbert

Health Committee
Oct. 9, 2007
Present: Mary Jo Green, Beth Alexander, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs
Absent: Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman, Scott Colbert

Human Resources Committee
Oct. 9, 2007
Present: Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Linda Briggs
Absent: Katie Case, Donna Hartman

Land Development Committee
Oct. 9, 2007
Present: Judy Goforth Parker, Beth Alexander, David Woerz, Linda Briggs
Absent: Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods,

A traditional alternative to modern court

Tribe hosts national peacemaking conference

More than 150 participants representing dozens of states, tribes and organizations participated in the National Gathering on Indigenous Peacemaking Oct. 22-24 in Oklahoma City.

"This gathering provides an opportunity for individuals with a wide range of experience and a wealth of knowledge to share ideas on one of the most important topics of our time," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby during the opening session. "We hope this meeting of minds and cultures will not only mark a return to traditional methods of peacemaking, but will also bring about innovative new approaches which will benefit everyone concerned."

Many peacemaking programs involve talking circles where participants pass a talking piece, such as a feather, from person to person. The individual who holds the talking piece is allowed to speak at that time, which gives each person an opportunity to be heard.

Participants shared ideas and learned more about the concept, history and benefits of peacemaking programs as an alternative to an adversarial court system.

Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court Justice Barbara Anne Smith spoke during the opening session and led a panel on the Chickasaw Nation Peacemaking program.

"Peacemaking is not about the issue, it's about the people," said Justice Smith. "Peacemaking is about helping people learn about honor, honesty, respect, humility, spirituality, compassion and the other qualities that can help promote healing."

Judge David Raasch, tribal programs manager at Fox Valley Technical College Criminal Justice Center for Innovation, was one of many who contrasted the peacemaking process with the adversarial court system.

"We're all peacemakers," said Judge Raasch. "Any time you can stop a baby from crying or bring people together, you are a peacemaker."

He agreed with Justice Smith and others who said that one of the advantages of peacemaking is the fact that it can involve everyone affected by a conflict or dispute.

Divorce, child custody cases and many other disputes affect family members, friends and others who might never have a chance to become involved if the case is heard in the adversarial system.

"One of the most frustrating things about court is people don't get to tell their story," Justice Smith said. "Lawyers tell the story."

Justice Smith said court rules on who can speak and what can be said limit the ability of that system to promote healing.

In contrast, peacemaking programs allow everyone who may be affected the opportunity to become part of the peacemaking and healing process.

Justice Smith said one of the reasons for the gathering was to enable people to come together in one place to share ideas and methods of peacemaking.

"You have to learn how to be a part of peacemaking, not just how to do it," she said.

Virtually all of the participants, she said, had expressed appreciation for having the opportunity to meet and share ideas.

Anna Cole, who serves as a Peacemaker for the Chickasaw Nation, agreed that the gathering was very beneficial.

She said it was "wonderful" to be ale to learn about the peacemaking programs of other tribes.

Robert Cole, who also serves as a Peacemaker for the Chickasaw Nation agreed.

"It's such a heartwarming experience," said Mr. Cole, who added that everyone he had talked to agreed that the conference had been a worthwhile endeavor.

The gathering was hosted by the Chickasaw Nation in partnership with University of North Dakota, Fox Valley Technical College and the Native American Rights Fund.

The Chickasaw peacemaking process

Requests for peacemaking may be made by the individuals involved in a dispute or by referral or order from a Chickasaw District Court Judge.

"Our judges are very sensitive to cases which may be best handled through the peacemaking process," said Jason Burwell, judicial clerk and peacemaking court coordinator.

When an order or request is received by the court clerk, three forms are mailed to prospective participants.

One form includes basic information, such as name, address, phone number and tribal affiliation of prospective participants.

The second form outlines values of the peacemaking court. These include respect, humility, compassion, spirituality and honesty.

Prospective participants must agree to abide by those values of the peacemaking process to participate.

The third form provides participants an opportunity to describe the nature of the disagreement in their own words.

Prospective participants also receive a brochure which outlines the peacemaking process and provides biographical information on each of the seven Chickasaw peacemakers.

For more information call (580) 235-0281.

OKC Council hears Youth Services presentation

The Oklahoma City Metro Chickasaw Community Council hosted a chicken strip dinner and monthly meeting October 2. We enjoyed lots of homemade side dishes and desserts.

Our guest speaker was Deanna Kendall, Director of Youth Services. Deanna gave a presentation of the services the Chickasaw Nation offers for children, including those available to out-of-nation families. Call the toll free number (1-866-466-1481) to ask for more information.

Arthia Bridges, member-at-large of our OKC Council, had forms for the Health Services Account, and for the Elderly Energy Assistance Program. She is happy to share this information with us.

Tuesday November 6 we will have dinner at 6 p.m. and the monthly meeting at 7 p.m. The speaker will be Wilson Seawright who will speak about the Chickasaw Constitution. Flu shots will be available for those who bring their cards and/or certificates. Thanks to EulaMae Frazier, LPN, Chickasaw Nation Community Health Representative and her crew for this important preventive health measure.

We can't wait to hear about the bus trip to Mississippi. No doubt lots of stories and pictures will be shared.

Ongoing projects: Bring a photo to post of your ancestor, bring your families' favorite traditional recipes to share(and a sample to the supper!)

Remember to check out the website , www.okc-chidkasaw-council.org.

Remember the OKCMCCC has moved to a new location on the sixth floor of Lakepointe Towers, 4005 Northwest Expressway in Oklahoma City. We welcome everyone to attend our meetings and activities.

All Nations Annual Pow Wow of Ada

December 1, 2007
Pontotoc County Agri Plex
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Head Lady Dancer - Jhane Myers, Comanche
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Affordable Housing

Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing & Tribal Development

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing & Tribal Development has available housing in the following areas.

Ardmore (age 55+) and Marietta

The **Ardmore High-rise** (age 55+) apartments include central heat & air, range, and refrigerator in each apartment. A convenient laundry room is available on every floor. An on site manager, maintenance person and security at night are provided. All utilities are paid.

The **Marietta** apartments offer central heat, washer/dryer hookups, range and refrigerator. Water is paid.

Monthly rent is income based for all apartments. Security deposits range from $50 to $100.

For applications and additional information contact Ardmore High Rise Office at 580-226-4590 or Ardmore Office at 580-226-2095.

Davis, Byng, and Marie Bailey (Marie Bailey in Ada, Okla., for ages 55+)

Central heat & air, carpeting, range, refrigerator, and washer/dryer hookups are offered. The Marie Bailey apartments provide all the above including washer and dryer.

Monthly rent is income based. Security deposits range from $50 to $160.

Water is paid at Davis and Byng.

For applications and additional information contact the Ada Office at 580-421-8800.

Drennan Jesse

Drennan Scott Jesse celebrated his third birthday Sept. 10, 2007. Drennan is the son of Ca-Te and Jennifer Jesse. He is the grandson of Lou Perry.

Happy Birthday Drennan!

Love, your family.

Fraysson Coody

Fraysson Azaniah Coody celebrated his second birthday Sept. 22, 2007. Fraysson is the son of Farentino and Ruby Alice Coody.

He is the grandson of Lou Perry and Ruby Alice Nail.

Shirley Ross

Shirley Faye (Anderson) Ross of Tahlequah, Okla., will celebrate her 60th birthday Nov. 16, 2007. Ms. Ross was born in Stuart, Okla., to Rueben and Margaret (Palmer) Anderson. She was raised in Cabiness, Okla.

Her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren wish her a happy birthday!

Coody-Mills engagement

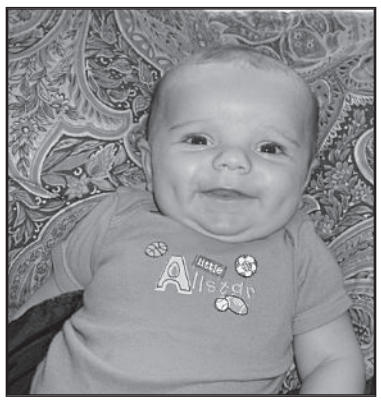
Shawn Wade Mills and Feliza Angela Coody

Farentino and Ruby Alice Coody announce the engagement of their daughter, Feliza Angela Coody, to Shawn Wade Mills.

A February wedding is planned.

The groom's mother is Helen Mills. His grandmothers are Lou Perry and Ruby Alice Nail.

Births



Jerek Parks

Randy and Jennifer Parks, of Ada, Okla., announce the birth of their son, **Jerek Rowdy Parks**. Jerek was born at 10:25 a.m., July 29, 2007 at Valley View Regional Hospital, Ada. He weighed 9 lbs., 1 oz., and measured 20.5 inches.

He is the grandson of Herb and Julie Darras, Ada, Kathy Prentice, Allen, Okla., Sue Parks, Wilson, Okla., and the late J.R. Parks.

He is the great-grandson of Gene and Lorene (Tootie) Prentice, Allen, the late Alfred and Ann Darras, Allen, and the late Ebb and Lorene Martin, Calvin, Okla.

Londyn Buckner

Nate and Karli Buckner announce the birth of their daughter, **Londyn**. Londyn was born July 7, 2007. She weighed 8 lbs., 9 oz., and measured 21 inches.

She is the granddaughter of Dr. Craig and Annette Nelon of Joshua, Texas, and Beverly Berger Hinson, Fort Worth, Texas.

She is the great-granddaughter of Preston and Wanda Powell, of North Richland Hills, Texas, Doris Nelon and Buryland Nelon, of Arlington, Texas, and Jo and Bobbie Berger, of Forth Worth.

She is the great-great-granddaughter of original enrollee Preston Powell and Charly Sheco.

Campbell honored as 2007 Southeastern State University Distinguished Alumnus

BRIAN CAMPBELL

DURANT, Okla. - The executive who oversees the business operations of the Chickasaw Nation was honored recently by his alma mater.

Brian Campbell, a Chickasaw and administrator of the tribal Division of Commerce, was recognized during an October 27 banquet as a Southeastern Oklahoma State University Distinguished Alumnus. The banquet was one of the events featured during Southeastern's Homecoming weekend.

Mr. Campbell earned two bachelor's degrees from Southeastern with majors in business administration, biology and education. In 2005, he completed his master's degree in business administration from Southeastern.

Mr. Campbell was raised in Bennington, Oklahoma. He graduated from Bennnington High School in 1983. Following his graduation from Southeastern, he was a public school teacher and coach.

He joined the Chickasaw Nation in the early 1990s and has held a number of different offices with the tribe including administrator of the Education Division and the Administrative Services Division. He has also previously directed the tribe's economic development department and administered the tribe's Indian Community Development Block Grant program.

As Commerce Division administrator, Mr. Campbell is responsible for the 56 tribal commercial enterprises, including all the entertainment, hospitality, manufacturing, tourism, media and property managment entities.

He also serves as chairman of the tribe's health care companies and is on the board of directors of Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.

Mr. Campbell is a longtime supporter of his alma mater and serves on the Southeastern School of Business advicory board.

Customer Service Survey on the web

Chickasaw citizens who complete a new tribal customer service survey will have the opportunity to win $100.

Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey by going to the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens regarding tribal programs, services and customer service.

Once you have completed the survey, you can enter the $100 giveaway. The $100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in *the Chickasaw Times*.

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Pogue, Smith wed at Fossil Creek Ranch

Mr. and Mrs. Brute Smith

Chrissy Pogue and Brute Smith, both of Ada, Okla., were married on September 22, 2007 at Fossil Creek Ranch.

The Rev. Bobby Allison, Sulphur, Okla., officiated the 3 p.m. ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Richie and Tina Pogue, of Ada. Her grandparents are James and Evelyn Smith, and Freda Pogue and the late Alton "Salty" Pogue, all of Ada.

Parents of the bridegroom are Hershel and Debbie Smith, of Ada. His grandparents are Dolores Braddock and the late Leon Braddock and the late Willie and Grady Smith, all of Ada.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents.

The Maid of Honor was Brandy Patton, Ada, sister of bridegroom. Bridesmaids were Brianne Pogue, Elk City, Okla., sister-in-law of the bride, Cortney Frye, Seagoville, Texas, cousin of the bride, and Nichole Pogue, Maud, Okla., cousin of the bride.

The Best Man was Shannon Pogue, Elk City, brother of bride. Groomsmen were Jon Patton, brother-in-law of bridegroom, Brandon Stephens, friend of couple, and Charlie Pogue, uncle of bride, all of Ada.

Flowergirls were Alexis Smith, Seagoville, cousin of bride, and Mackenzie Smith, Ada, cousin of bridegroom.

Ringbearer was Chance Harrison, Francis, Okla., friend of couple.

Reception attendants were Kacee Pogue, Ada, cousin of bride, Haley Roland, Oklahoma City, friend of bride, and Leslie Reeves, Ada, friend of the couple.

Following a wedding trip to Beaver's Bend State Park in Broken Bow, Okla., the couple has now made their home in Byng, Okla.

Chickasaw millenium scholar Tollett graduates with honors from WTAMU

Kimberly Tollett

CANYON, Texas - Kimberly Kathleen Tollett, of Carrizo Springs, Texas, graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in social work from West Texas A&M University during summer commencement ceremonies August 10 at the First United Bank Center on WTAMU's campus. The University awarded 207 baccalaureate degrees, 84 master's degrees and one doctoral degree.

Graduates with an overall grade point average of 3.50 or higher were recognized as honor graduates and wore gold honor cords. The three levels of honor recognition are summa cum laude (3.90-4.00), magna cum laude (3.75-3.89) and cum laude (3.50-3.74). The WTAMU Class of 2007 included 12 graduates with summa cum laude honors, 10 students with magna cum laude honors and 22 with cum laude honors. The graduating class represented seven states and 60 Texas cities and towns

Miss Tollett is a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation. She traces her ancestry back to her paternal great-grandmother, Lillian Alma Staton Farris, who moved with her family from Oklahoma to Texas in the early 1900s.

Miss Tollett graduated with honors from Carrizo Springs High School in 2003.

A former recipient of the Chickasaw Nation Millenium Scholarhship, and other Chickasaw scholarships throughout her undergraduate endeavors, Miss Tollett is extremely grateful to the Education Services Department and the staff for their help and support. The personnel in this office truly go the extra mile to help Chickasaw students succeed in reaching their educational goals.

Wichita council welcomes Billy and Pat Mills

Chickasaw Council of Wichita members attending a luncheon honoring Pat Mills are, from left, Fran Elliott, Lynn Stumblingbear, Pat Mills, Pam Harjo and Judy Moser.

WICHITA, Kan. - October 5, 2007, was a busy day for Billy Mills (Olympic Gold medalist) and his wife Pat as they visited here as part of the Native American Mental Health awareness week.

Among the supporters of this event were Hunter Health Clinic, Comcare, NAMI, Sedgwick County, The Fraternal Order of Police, The Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas and MAAIC. People of all ages were encouraged to walk or jog with Mills, then hear him speak on mental health issues. Later that evening, there was a powwow dedicated in the couple's honor. Pat Mills was the guest of honor and keynote speaker at a women's luncheon in the Broadview Hotel courtesy of Hunter Health Clinic. Mrs Mills spoke of what it was like during the early days for the couple as her husband trained and secured his spot in the 1964 Tokyo Olympic Games. She shared some of the history of their family and her own life. She has recently completed her master's degree in Art and has had a show in California where she sold some of her work. She related some of the background on the book "Wokini" that Mr. Mills co-wrote and which she illustrated. "Wokini" is a Lakota Sioux word that translates as "new life, a life of peace and happiness." The preface states that the book "blends traditional Native American beliefs...with modern therapeutic principles..." Each of the 50 women in attendance was given a copy of the book

At this event, there were four Chickasaw women: Mrs. Fran Elliott, historian for the Chickasaw Council; Lynn Stumblingbear, board member for the Hunter Health Clinic and chair of the Chickasaw Council of Wichita; Mrs. Pat Mills, an honored guest; Pam Harjo, director of Diabetes Department, Hunter Health Clinic, and Judy Moser, Chickasaw Council member at large.

Herrington featured speaker at Reynolds Lectureship

JOHN HERRINGTON

MIDWEST CITY, Okla. – The first U.S. Native American astronaut and Chickasaw citizen John Herrington, is scheduled to speak at Rose State College 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, November 13 in the Rose State College Communications Center.

In 1996, Herrington was selected by NASA and completed two years of training and evaluation, and was qualified for flight assignment as a mission specialist. Herrington was part of the crew on the STS-113 Endeavor (Nov. 23 through Dec. 7, 2002) which was the 16th shuttle to visit the International Space Station.

Herrington is currently the Vice President and Director of Flight Operations and Chief Pilot of the XP Spaceplane at the Center for Space Studies for the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs.

Herrington's visit is part of Rose State College's Diamond Leadership Series sponsored by Don. S. Reynolds Lectureship. The purpose of the series is to encourage leadership development by hosting motivational speakers. The public is invited to attend.

Herrington received a Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Mathematics from the University of Colorado in 1983, and a Master of Science degree in Aeronautical Engineering from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in 1995. Herrington is a distinguished Naval Graduate from Aviation Officer Candidate School. He has been awarded the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, NASA Spaceflight Medal, Navy Commendation medal and various other service awards.

He is also a recipient of two honorary Doctorates of Science.

Rose State College is located at 6420 SE 15th St. in Midwest City, Okla. For more information about attending the Rose State College Diamond Leadership Series and to RSVP for lunch call (405) 733-7376.

Family walks for a allergy cure

From left, Clayton Eubanks, Kristin Eubanks, Cavin Eubanks, Karsen Eubanks, Jan Imotichey and Melvin Imotichey.

PLANO, Texas – The Eubanks family of McKinney, Texas recently participated in the Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Network's (FAAN) *Walk for Food Allergy: Moving Toward a Cure™*.

The walk was conducted at Bob Woodruff Park in Plano on October 20, 2007.

The Eubanks' youngest child, Cavin, was diagnosed with severe food allergies to all dairy and eggs at six months of age. "Team Cavin" was comprised of Cavin's parents, Clayton and Kristin Eubanks, and his sister, Karsen Eubanks. Cavin's grandparents, Melvin and Jan Imotichey of El Reno, Okla., were also a part of the walk team. Through the team's fundraising efforts, Team Cavin raised almost $500 for programs supporting food allergy awareness, education and research.

FAAN's mission is to raise public awareness, to provide advocacy and education, and to advance research on behalf of all those affected by food allergies and anaphylaxis. Currently, it is estimated that approximately 12 million Americans suffer from food allergy and one in every 17 children under the age of three has food allergy.

Northern Pontotoc Council hears transportation rep

The Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council met on Thursday October 11 at 7 p.m. The guest speaker for the night was Angela Gilliam from the Transportation Department. We would like to thank her for the wonderful presentation that she gave about the Transportation Department for Chickasaws.

The results of the annual election are as follows: Tom Hogland will remain Chairman. Betty Arbuckle will remain as Vice-Chairperson. Stephanie Young will remain Secretary/Treasurer. Lori Ward will replace Carol Miller as Reporter. Melvin Baumann, Lindell Pittenridge, and Chincie Ross will serve as board members.

The Community Council voted to make 10 Thanksgiving Baskets for local Chickasaws in our area. The council appropriated $50 for each basket. Stephanie Young and Betty Arbuckle will head the committee for the food baskets. Please contact Stephanie Young at (405)381-5105 if you would like to donate your time or services for this project.

The next meeting will be November 8 at the regular location (Chickasaw Training Center in the old Wal-Mart at Tri-City).

We will have a health representative there to administer flu shots to any Chickasaws in our area. We will have Linda Williams as our guest speaker for the night from the Purcell Area office. We are inviting the local Chamber of Commerce from area towns to learn about the Chickasaw Summer Youth Program.

If any business owners would like to come hear this speaker please feel free to attend the meeting to hear about this wonderful program that benefits our youth and the local businesses.

Chickasaw Nation rep in Chickasha

A Chickasaw Nation representative will be in Chickasha November 19 to answer questions about tribal programs.

For more information, or to apply for tribal elderly energy assistance, tribal emergency utility assistance, energy assistance, community health representatives, or other programs, visit Bettie Black at Oklahoma Workforce, 301 S. 2nd Street from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m.

A tribal representative will be available for questions at Oklahoma Workforce the third Monday of each month.

For more information, call (405) 527-6667.

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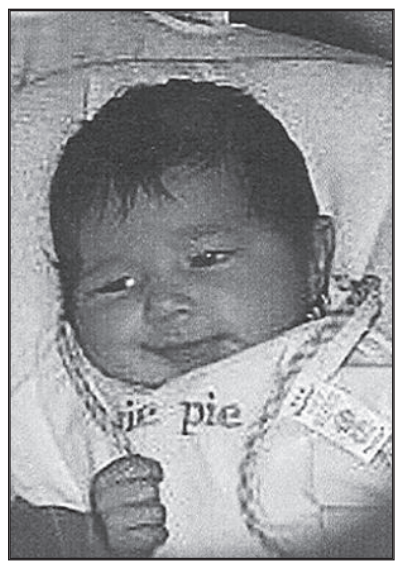

Feeding our grandbabies, burping them, bathing them, changing them, singing to them and cuddling them; are all expressions of our love.

That love is returned to us ten-fold before they take their first step.

Love,
Grandma Lowe

2007-08 Youth Councils selected

Teens learn teamwork, leadership skills at Fall Retreat

About 50 Chickasaw youth spent their fall break from school participating in teambuilding activities, extreme sports, politics and scavenger hunts during the 2007 Fall Retreat. The retreat was October 18-20 at Camp W.O.W. (Walk On Water) near Gerty, Okla.

The retreat is hosted annually by the Chickasaw Nation Youth and Family Division. The event that offers a variety of activities and opportunities, with elections of the tribal Youth Council members a highlight of the gathering.

Campers were educated during the first day of camp about the Chickasaw Nation Youth Council, its duties and bylaws.

Three Youth Councils representing the Pontotoc, Tishomingo and Pickens Districts are elected, and members of an Executive Youth Council are selected from the District Councils.

Two of the main purposes of the Councils are to develop pride in Chickasaw youth and cultivate leadership skills.

"It's a chance to be an example to your community," tribal youth specialist Gina Brown told the teens.

To be a member of the Youth Council, teens must pledge to live a life free of alcohol, drugs and tobacco; set a positive example for others; and work as a member of a team.

A main event at the retreat is organizing campaigns for Youth Council and preparing campaign speeches and the election.

"I love this camp," said returning camper Jonah Pullen. "You get to see old friends."

Pullen, an East Central University freshman from Ada, has been a member of the Youth Council for three years. He enjoys Youth Council, he said, because, "you get to help people and be part of a team."

The group received some inspirational words from motivational speaker Allen Ogles, who encouraged them to set goals, and set them high.

"Take 'quit' out of your vocabulary," he said, encouraging the teens to keep working at their goals.

"Keep plugging along and you will reach your goal," he said.

Live your lives, Ogles said, so you will have no regrets when you get older.

Chickasaw Nation education specialist Valorie Walters also led the teens in games stressing the importance of communication.

The remainder of the three-day retreat was dedicated to outdoor activities including a ropes challenge course and ultimate basketball, volleyball and soccer. Extreme dodge ball and competition karaoke was also on the agenda Thursday night. Dancing Star Frazier placed first in the karaoke contest. Second place went to Kasy Colquitt.

Ardmore eighth grader Jace Carney, a first time camper, said the outdoor activities were his personal favorites at the retreat. He was invited to the retreat by his cousins and friends who participate in the Youth Council.

"I like it and I'm having a good time," he said.

Friday was spent navigating the campground's challenge course, including climbing a rock wall, and riding a zip line. Friday night, campers entertained one another with a talent show. First place in the talent show was Masheli Billy. He played a beautiful song on his wooden flute. Second place went to Dancing Star Frazier with her Chickasaw story told in both English and Chickasaw.

The long weekend culminated Saturday morning with the swearing-in of the winners of District Youth Councils.

About 50 Chickasaw teens participated in the 2007 Fall Retreat, conducted October18-20 at Camp W.O.W. near Gerty.

Katie Mitchell, Ringling, Okla., attempts to sink a large "extreme basketball" into the goal.

The 2007-2008 District Youth Council representatives are:

Pickens District Youth Council
Laura Ash
Codie Bolin
Maegan "GiGi" Brown
Chance Brown
Christopher "Holland" Elston
Jessica Kretzschmar
Brittany McLaury
Katie Mitchell Shepard
Selina Taylor

Pontotoc District Youth Council
Mashili Billy
Dannie Sue Davidson
Destiny Hatton
Jessie Miller
Catie Newport
Courtney Parchcorn
Jonah Puller
Leah Puller
Stonie-Rose Stepps
Zacharee Stepps
Deeanna Taylor
Nacobi Walker
Amber Wright

Tishomingo District Youth Council
Bridgette Bell
ReJeana "Renee" Hickman
William Hickman
Kale Lampkin
Jerica Foster Marsh
Micki Foster Marsh
Chalsey "Dana" Patsey

William Hickman was named Best Male Camper and Destiny Hatton was selected as Best Female Camper. Destiny also won first place in the dance contest.

Amber Wright, left, and Holland Elston struggle over the football during one of the many outdoor activities at Fall Retreat. Jade Core and Paige Miller, left, take in all the action.

Texas councils hear details of at-large medical programs

The Chickasaw Community Councils of Central and South Texas met together at Texas State University in San Marcus, Texas on October 14, 2007. They were hosted by the Native American Student Association and the Multi-Cultural Program at TSU.

After a time of socializing, swapping stories and a delicious meal that included many wonderful homemade dishes and Pashofa, the councils settled into its planned program. It began when Michele Moody, chairperson of the South Council and Gene Thompson, Chairperson of the Central Council, presented the Multi-Cultural program a copy of "Chickasaws - Unconquered and Unconquerable," the first book published by the Chickasaw Press. Then the group viewed the Chickasaw TV commercials of Astronaut John Herrington, son of Central Council board member, Joyce Herrington and her husband Jim.

Sandi Sanders, Director of the Tribal Medical Program, explains the benefits that the Chickasaw Citizens of the Central and South Texas councils are entitled to receive.

They also viewed background videos of the four newest inductees into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame.

What pride we all have in these wonderful Chickasaws who have done and still doing great things for our people.

Aaron Pyle, a Choctaw and President of the TSU Native American Student Association, treated the group to an Indian flute solo. Then Sandi Sanders, Director of Chickasaw Tribal Health Program, and Cheryl Hood, Supervisor of the Mail-Order Prescription program, gave the group a detailed explanation of the medical benefits available to them through the two Chickasaw Medical Programs.

It was explained that citizens must chose to participate in either the In-Nation Medical Services (only available within the original Chickasaw Nation boundaries) or the Medical Programs specifically designed for the At-Large Chickasaw citizens who cannot come to the Nation to obtain health care.

Sandi and Cheryl took questions from the audience as well as a number of questions that had been submitted by council members in advance. The program differences were discussed and a number of misconceptions about the programs were clarified.

Aaron Pyle, president of the Native American Student Association and a music major at Texas State University, entertained the councils with his beautiful Indian flute music.

The two councils closed their meeting with separate business meetings. A great time of renewing friendships and sharing of Chickasaw pride was enjoyed by all.

Ada council to host turkey dinner at November meeting

The Ada Chickasaw Community Council held the monthly meeting on October 18, 2007 at the Marie Bailey Community Center at 6:30 p.m.

Saundra Seeley from the Chickasaw Nation Programs Operations gave information about L.I.H.E.P., the home energy assistant program, and other programs associated with Program Operation. Mike Wingo from Chickasaw Housing also gave information pertaining to housing assistant. We had a very informative meeting.

Legislators present were Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus and Katie Case, thank you for your interest in our Council.

Pat Cox was voted to remain as President of the Council. Leon Greenwood was voted in as Vice President, he brings good working knowledge to the Council. Peggy Stowe was voted in as the Secretary/Treasurer and Georgie Frazier remains as P.R. person.

The November 15, 2007 Community Council meeting will be the Thanksgiving dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Marie Bailey Community Center. We will have a silent auction and the video "Remember" will be shown. The Council will furnish the turkey and attendee's are encouraged to bring a covered dish.

Ancestors

A long time gone,
my thoughts bring them home.
Brown skins, black hair,
tired aged eyes.
Arms of comfort, hands of teaching
a voice of wise ways.
Their time was long ago,
fought with strife, hardship.
Triumphant in family,
overcomers of annihilation.
Their mark is upon me,
running in my veins.
With loving remembrance,
I bring them home.

-Judy L. Thomas

Johnston council teamwork produces Festival float

The Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council's float entered in the Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival parade.

The Johnston County Chickasaw community council met on September 17 and discussed preparations for a float entry in the upcoming Chickasaw festival parade. The float will consist of a brush arbor to represent the first Chickasaw council meeting. All of the active Chickasaw community councils were invited to ride on the float. The banner would read "Community Councils United for the Future" and all of the names of the councils would be painted on the banner.

Bobby Payne and Jerry Underwood agreed to construct the brush arbor in the old way of tying the poles together and adding willow branches to the roof.

Two work days were scheduled to construct the float and paint the banners at Susan Webb's house. A guest from the Marshall County Chickasaw community council, Doug Cryer, also attended the meeting. The Marshall County council agreed to provide candy and walkers to hand out the candy. Ann Fink and Mrs. Duckworth helped to paint the banners. The float was successful and the Johnston County council was joined by Marshall County, Oklahoma City Metro Council and the Inland Empire/Desert Cities council out of California in the parade. The Johnston County council would like to express its thanks to all those who worked on the float and rode in the parade and to Bobby Payne's nephew and son for driving the truck to pull the float. The next Johnston County Chickasaw council meeting will be a community potluck dinner.

'Keeper of the Plains' project discussed at council

Sue Seal, left, and her niece Alexandria Nixon speak to the members of the Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita on the Friends of the Keeper.

Members of the Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita heard two informative presentations at their October 21 meeting.

Sue Seal, a Kiowa-Comanche, and her niece Alexandria Nixon spoke to the council on the history of the Mid-America Indian Center of Wichita and Miss Nixon's role as a princess representing Friends of the Keeper of the Plains.

The Keeper of the Plains is a towering statue at the confluence of the Arkansas and Little Arkansas rivers in Wichita. The landmark was created by Blackbear Bosun, Kiowa artist and the uncle of Mrs. Seal. Her mother was also an original member of the board of the Mid-America All Indian Center. She spoke of how the movement grew out of the community of various tribe members that moved to Wichita in the 1940s to work at the Boeing airplane plant, many of them from Oklahoma.

Miss Nixon came dressed in her traditional native dress copied from pictures of the apparel of her ancestors.

Also appearing was Eric Shaw, recruiter for the Chickasaw Nation Industries, a family of companies owned by The Chickasaw Nation. He told of how CNI has grown from just more than 400 employees to more than 2,800 across the United States. It provides products and services that include medical, construction, advisory, administration, information technology and logistics, many of these involving government contracts.

The speaker for the next meeting Nov. 18 at the Indian Methodist Church, 1111 North Meridian, will be from Bank 2 in Oklahoma City, one of the Chickasaw Nation's recently acquired companies.

Pam Harjo of Hunter Health Clinic, announced that the 7th Annual Trail of Tears Walk from the Indian Methodist Church to the Mid-America All Indian Center will be Nov. 3. It is sponsored by Hunter Health Clinic and will include a silent auction.

CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS MONTHLY MEETINGS

~~~ Meetings are subject to change, please call the contact person to confirm ~~~

Ada Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm
Marie Bailey Community Center
1800 Jack John Circle
Ada, OK
Pat Cox, Chair
580-272-0549

Connerville Area
Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Monday at 6:30 pm
Chickasaw Senior Citizen Site
Connerville, OK
Tony Poe, Chair
580-421-4994
tony.poe@chickasaw.net

Johnston County
Chickasaw Community Council
October 22nd at 6:30 pm
Chickasaw Community Building
1109 Ray Branum Road
Tishomingo, OK
Ann Fink, Chair
580-371-3351
flora.fink@chickasaw.net

Marshall County
Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Marshall County Chickasaw Community Center
1400 Enos Road
Kingston, OK
Sarah Lea, Chair
580-564-4570
lsar747@duracom.net

Northern Pontotoc
Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Thursday at 7:00 pm
Chickasaw Enterprises Training Center
400 NW 32nd Hwy. 37
Newcastle, OK
Tom Hogland, Chair
405-381-2268

OKC Metro
Chickasaw Community Council
1st Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Lakepointe Towers, Sixth Floor
4005 N.W. Expressway
Oklahoma City, OK
Pam Conard, Chair
405-973-8127
drprconard@cox.net

Purcell Chickasaw Community Council
4th Tuesday at 6:00 pm
Regional Office – 1603 S. Green Ave.
Purcell, OK
Keith Shackleford, Chair
405-527-5745
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COLORADO ~~~
Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Saturday at 11:30 am
Denver, CO
Call for location
Carol Berry
303-235-0282
Chickasaw303@yahoo.com

CALIFORNIA ~~~
Inland Empire/Desert Cities
Chickasaw Community Council
November 15th at 6:00 pm
The Farm House Restaurant
6261 Joshua Palmer Way
Banning, CA
Lynn M. Dorrough, Chair
909-213-7273
liknryn@hotmail.com

KANSAS ~~~
Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita, KS
3rd Sunday at 3:00 pm
Wichita Indian United Methodist Church
1111 N. Meridian
Wichita, KS
Lynn Stumblingbear, Chair
316-945-9219
lynnstumblingbear@hotmail.com
Pam Harjo, Vice-Chair
316-393-0696

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Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas
San Antonio, TX Area
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Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas
Austin, Texas Area
Meetings held monthly
Call for time and location
Gene Thompson, Chair
512-258-7919
genevivianthompson@hotmail.com

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council
Dallas/Fort Worth Area, TX
3rd Saturday at 3:00 pm
Bedford Plaza Hotel
3005 W. Airport Freeway
Bedford, Texas
John C. Atkins, Chair
972-271-0692
Injunjon2@verizon.net

List of Chickasaw Veterans

This list of Chickasaw veterans is published as part of Veterans' Day observances to honor those who have served or are currently serving in the armed forces of the United States.

All Chickasaw veterans are eligible to receive a jacket and a medal recognizing and commemorating their service.

For information or assistance, or to add a Chickasaw veteran who does not appear on this list, call (580) 226-4821 or 1-888-808-9508 (toll free).

Abbott, Monroe Army Sgt. 1945
Adcock, David Eugene – Army (ret.)
Adkins, William Powell Jr. US Navy Signalman First Class 1952-1972
Alberson, Steven
Ahtone, Mary – Army E-3 – 1962
Aldridge, Gene – Army Cpl. – 1955
Aldridge, Phillip – Navy Cmdr. – 1994
Allen, Franklin Dee – Army Sgt.
Allison, Matt – Navy
Allison, Robert Wade – Army
Allison, Heath
Andrews, Earl L. Army WWII - Died on Rhine River April, 1945
Andrews, Vernon, R. Army 1st Cavalry WWII 1946-1948
Anoatubby, Russell – Air Force AIC - 1960
Anthony, James L. – Air Force
Apala, Michael – Air Force reserve
Archer, Brian D. – Army NG
Armstrong, Kerry M. - Army
Asbury, Ed Army WWII
Atkins, Dave Bailey, Larry WWII
Baker III, Colbert L. – Marine E-5
Baker, John Brunt – Air Force 1 Lt.
Baker, Colbert L. (Bud) – Navy Lt.
Baker, Bradford S. – Army E-5
Ballard, Joe R. – Navy
Ballard, Richard E. - Army
Baptiste, Arch - Army
Barber, Terry Paul
Barker, Terry Paul - Army
Barnoski, Matthew - Air Force 43rd Logistics readiness Squadron Osan, South Korea - 1999-2005
Barrick, Brad – OK ARNG Spl.
Bateman Jr., Carl G. –
Bateman Jr., Carl Grayden – Army / OARING Capt. Unit 2B 180 Inf.
Beck, Eddie* Army Vietnam Era
Beck, Eddie G. - Army
Beck, Jimmy Army Vietnam Era
Beck, Tommy Army Vietnam Era
Beck, Melissa, Marie – Navy E3
Benson, Billy – Army Air Troop Cpl.
Bergen, Marcie Anne - Army
Berna, Amber
Beshirs, Joe – Navy – Seaman 1st Class – 1945
Beshirs, Larry Dale
Blankenship, Charles – Army
Blevins, Bobby (Bob-O) G. - Marine
Blocker, Edward L.
Blocker, Ronald O.
Bolen, Joseph Army WWI Camp Devens, Mass.
Bomboy, John – Army Spc. 4th Class - 1965
Bonham, John Maytubby – Army 2 Lt. 3rd Arm. Calvery Regiment.
Brassfield, Earl Ray
Britt, Charley - Army Quartermaster Corp, WWII – Pacific
Brooksher, Larry, Army Private – 1967
Bromley, Alicia M. – Air Force
Brower, Kelly
Brower, Kelly Homer – Navy
Brown, Jerry L.
Brown, Kennedy - Army
Brown, Leon – Army Sgt. – 1988
Brown, Louie – Army Sgt. – 1969
Brown, Milton – Air Force Sgt. – 1969
Brown, Clelie Rodney – Navy
Brown, Jimmie Ray – Army
Brown, Henry W. – Army E-4
Brown, Lester – Army deceased
Brown, Larry – Navy
Brown Jr., Otto – Army
Brown, Jerry – Navy (retired)
Browning, Samuel – Army/Airforce/Navy, March 13, 1989
Browning, Zane – Army/Airforce, 1966
Browning, Joseph – Army, 1985
Browning, Winston M.- Lance Cpt. U.S. MC, 1942-1945 deceased
Browning, Kenneth D. - PFC, U.S. Army, 1944-1945 deceased
Browning, George W. - Sgt. U.S. Army, 1942-1945 deceased
Bruton, Scott Alan - Marines
Burkhart, Bernard – Army Sgt. E-5
Burkett, Robert O. – Army, Air/Cor – WWII
Burkett, Gordon Willis – Air Force CWO-2
Burkett, Richard
Burks, Rocky A. – Air Force
Burks, Rocky A. – Air Force E-4 Vietnam Era
Burney Jr. Clay P. - Army
Burris, Monroe –
Burris, Eson – Army WWI POW deceased
Burton, Richard – Army Lieutenant Colonel - 1970 – 1991 Vietnam era veteran
Buzzard, Debra G. – Army E-4
Bryant, Tommy Lee Air Force Vietnam Era
Burnett, Billy D. – Air Force, Captain Fighter Pilot WWII and Korea
Burton, Richard
Byars, Harrison
Byers, Jerry Duane – Air Force Major – 1982
Campbell, Roy Lee - Army
Capes, Walter – Navy Sea Bees Seaman 1st Class – 1946
Cardinal, Leo Jr. – Air Force Air 1st Class – 1957
Carter, george W. Army – WWII – Korean Conflict
Carter, V.C. – Marines Cpl. - 1946
Carter, Woodrow - Army-Navy 1st Class - 1942
Carter, Virgil E. Marines Dec 8, 1942-1946 Corporal
Carter, Franklin Delene – Army
Catoe, Rusty Colbert - Navy
Chase, Kinnon R. - Marine
Chambers, John W. – Army
Chambers, John W. Jr. - Army
Cheadle, Overton – Navy 1st Class Petty Officer – 1946
Cheadle, Robert M. – Marines – Vietnam era 1966-69
Cheadle, Tammie
Clark, Donald C.
Clark, Donald R. Korean Era 332-1319
Clark, Leslie - Navy
Clark, Samuel – Army Staff Sgt. – 1953
Clark Jr., Alex – Air Force
Clow, Angelique Estelle
Cohee, Larry E. – Army N.G. Spec. 5 Discharge Oct. 31, 1967
Cohee, Carson – Army Pvt. 1st Class - 1958
Cohee, R. C. – Army E-7 – 1978
Colbert, Bruce Ray - Army
Colbert, James Marines E4
Colbert Sr., Walter J., Army
Colbert, Charles H. – Air Force
Colbert Jr., Walter J., - Army
Cole, John - USAF – 1966069
Colee, Larry E. - Army
Collins, Virgil Cornelius Navy Dec 1941 – Aug 1945
Connelly, John W. - Ary Cpl. Twelfth Infantry, Co. H. WWII
Connelly, R.E. Army PFC Infantry - 1946
Connelly, William Ambrose - Army WWI
Cooper, Tom – Army Sgt. 1st Class - Vietnam Era – 1992
Courtney Jr., William Brooks – Navy deceased
Cox, David H.
Coyle, RC. – Marines – Cpl – 1944
Crabtree, Roger Dale – Air Force Lt. Col.
Cravatt, Munsy
Cravatt, Lee

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Cravatt, Wayne
Crawford, Andrew Phillip – Army
Craw, Darin A. - Navy
Christie, Franklin D. – Army E-5
Christie, Elmer T. – Army
Crow, Lavoyd Lee – Air Force
Crow, Samuel Franklin – Air Force
Culbert Cubby -
Cumins, Eddy - Air Force Materiel Command - Currently serving in Iraq
Cunatubby, Daniel - Army
Curtis, Elmer Navy WWII
Darter, Ralph – Army Pvt. 1st Class – 1955
Davis, Larry Neal - Marines
Davis, Randall, E. Army 716th MP BN
Davis, Micheal A. – Navy
Dawkins, Wallace W. – Army
Dawkins, Wallace Willie – Army WWII
Dunn, Billy Joe Navy Vietnam Era (gun boats)
Dunn, Mike - Army
Dunn, Ray - Army E-5 – 1973
Dunning, Christy Sue -
Durant, Preman John Army WWI Company E 357th Inf. 90th Division
Durant, Calvin Eugene * (Buck) Army, WWII
Durant, Ethan – Army, Air Force, WWII (In England) deceased
Durant, Albert – Army, WWII (In Germany)
Durant, Calvin Eugene – Army PFC
Duston, Guy - USMC Cpl E-41963-1967, AF-SSgt. - E-5 1967-1971
Dyer, Buck – Army deceased
Ebisch, James - Army
Edwards, Leon – Navy Sea Bee 2nd Class – 1946
Edwards Jr., James M. - Navy
Egge, Val Jack – Marines E-3 – 1962
Ellis, John – Army E-4 – 1968
Elkins, James – Army NG
Engle, David
Farris, Amos
Farris, George Perrin
Farris, David Thomas
Farris, Joe Weldon
Farve, Emil Jr. – Army
Farve, Kern – Army NG
Fillmore, John Warren - Army
Flowers, William – Army
Floyd, D. Rush -
Folsom, Charles – Army
Foraker, Bob – OK NG Company C 279 Inf. 45th Division E-5
Fox, Larry Don – NG E-4
Frazier, Bill – Marines Cpl. – 1957
Frazier, Leonard Ray
Frazier, Dennis Jay – Navy E-3
Gabehart, Richard A. – Army
Gaskell, Mary Alice
Gause, Jim – Navy E-5
Gerard, Linda Kay – Navy LTJG
Gibson, Lenard
Gilmore, Owen – Coast Guard Boatsman 2nd Class – 1945
Glase, Danna Gail – Army E-4
Glassgow, Harry E. – Air Force Lt. Col.
Goforth, Bill – Army Staff Sgt. – 1945 deceased
Goforth, Murray – Navy PN 2nd Class – 1953
Goforth, Tom F. – Air Force
Good Jr., Elmer – Nay Apprentice Seamen, M-1
Gooding, Norman Gene - Army
Goodman, Oscar – Army – Reserve
Goodman, Roger – Army
Goodman, Charles Edward – OK NG 45th Division Cpt.
Goodwin, Billie, J. - Air Force - 1956-76
Gorrell, Dixon – Ma4rines Cpl. - 1945
Grace, Jackie C. Navy U.S. Navy Aviation AD2 March 1952-February 1956
Graff, Thomas Dean – Navy 2nd Class Q.M. Vietnam Era
Graff, Micheal Lee – Army E-4
Graff, David Wayne – Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Vietnam Era
Green, Carl – Army Spc. 4 – 1965
Green, James T. – Army Tech 5
Greenwood, Leon Army Vietnam Era
Greenwood, Robert Marines Vietnam Era
Greenwood Earl - Marines
Greenwood, Sim – Army Pvt. - 1946
Greenwood, Virgil J. WWII Served on the USS Boston
Greer, James R. – Navy
Greer II, Todd D. – Navy OIE
Grellner, Thomas - Navy
Grellner, Tom - Navy Cryptology Detachment - 1985-present
Griffin, John – Army
Griffin, Clyde F. – Army, WWII
Grizzle, Dr. John Dale – Army
Grizzle, John Dale II – Army
Grizzle, Robbie W. – Air Force Sgt.
Guardalibene, Chuck
Guess, Earnest - Air Force Sgt. – WWII 1945
Guiou, Russell Alan – Army N.G.
Haddock, Nicky M.
Hammond, Mark Army Spc 5 - Med Specialist - Currently serving in Baghdad, Iraq
Harlin, James Jr. – Air Force Cpt. – 1946
Hartwell, Joe – Army Cpl 54th Div. – 1955
Hartwell, Edward – Army Sgt. - 1945
Hartwell, Porter – Army Cpl. – 1955
Hawkins, Larry – National Guard Major – 2000
Hawkins, Joseph C. – Army Pvt. - 1966
Hawkins, Kenneth* Vietnam Era
Hawley, Ronald W. Army Vietnam Era
Hawley, R. Michael Navy U.S.S. Independence 1966
Hamilton, Andris
Hamilton, Joseph
Hankey, Don Reid
Harris, Delos - Army, WWI
Harris Jr., Robert L. - Marine
Hayes, Ron - Marines
Hays, Wiliam – Army Spc. 4 – 1968
Heald, Kenneth Dale – Air Force
Heath, Sandra Kay – Marines
Henderson Jr., Richard S. – Army and Air Force 1 Lt.
Henry, Terry - Army
Henry, Terry F.
Hensley, Harold – Navy Seaman 1st Class – 1945
Hensley, Jackie – Army Medical Corp Master. Sgt. – 1952
Henson, Ivy Navy Seaman 1st Class – 1959
Hestor, Louis Joe Dean – Army
Hestor, Melton G. – Army Pfc.
Hestor, Cloise "Dean" – Army E-4
Hewett, Justin – NG
Hewett, Kyle - NG
Hickman, James – Army Lt. – 1960
Hicks, Deloyd – Navy TM 2 (ES) 1964
Hitchcox, Chester - Marine
Hodges, James – Army Staff Sgt. - 1973
Hogan, Kenneth L. - Navy
Holder, Johnson
Holt, Gale B. - Merchant Marines - WWII - (given veteran status after war)
Inmon, Regina Bond – Air force
Ivey, Lonny D. - Army
Jack, Billy – Navy
Jackson, Floyd* Korean War
Jackson, Reynolds H. - Marines
James A. Howard – Army PFC - 1945
James, Alvin – Army PFC 1st Class Vietnam, Korean wars – 1955
James, Overton Navy 1943-1946 Carpenter's mate second class

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Navy reserve 1947-1952 OK. National Guard 1954-1957
James, Jimmy
James, Gilbert W. - Navy
Jefferson, Gene
Jennings, Robert
Jennings, Harold R. – Navy WWII
Jennings, Jimmie D. – Army Pfc.
Johnson, Bobby – Navy E-4 1968
Johnson, calvin – Army Pvt. 1st Class – 1948
Johnson, George – National Guard Staff Sgt. - 1997
Johnson, Elvis Army Persian Gulf 101st AB 1986-1994
Johnson, James Air Force T Sgt. 1968
Johnson, Victory e. – Army Pvt. – 1946
Johnson Jr., Freddie Lee – Ok. Army NG
Johnston, William C. – Army WWII
Johnston, Jerry M.
Jones, Charles lee –
Jones, Doug – Air Force (retired)
Jones Jr., Fred B. – Air Force
Jones, Billy L. – Air Force
Jones, Purman - Army
Kale, Claywood D. Navy WWII
Kale, Carroll Wayne Army Berlin Crisis – Korean War – Vietnam Era
Kale, Douglas Army - 1389th BBQ Bermuda Base Command Sergeant
Kale, Henry A Jr. Army Korean War
Kale, Jack C. Navy WWII
Kale, Kenneth M. Navy Korean War
Kale, Wilson Army 1940-1945
Keel, Jefferson Vietnam Era
Keel, Lewellyn – Air Force Sgt. – 1945
Keel, Tommy Vietnam Era
Keel, Leland David – Army
Keel, David Stenson - Marine
Kelley, Mark Owens Navy Second Class Petty Officer UT2 NMCB 23
Kemp, Raymond H. US Army World War I
Kemp, Joe Carr US Army World War II and the Korean War
Kemp, Charles H. US Air Force 1957-1960
Kemp, Robert Joe – Army Corporal
Kennedy, Patrick Navy 1984-1986
Kennedy, William D. Navy WWII
Kimberlin, Dave - Navy
Kinney, Mack – Army Sgt. – 1945
Knight, James L. – Lt. Col., Army
Krebbs, Ralph Odell
Lacy, William Herschel
Lake, Larry G. – Army
Lamark, Alicia M. – Air Force
Lampkin, Billy Dean – Army Sgt.
Latta, Lee A. – Navy WWII – Lt.
Latta, Lee A. – Navy WWII Lt.
Laughlin, Tommy Eugene
Lawson, Benny – Army Sgt. – 1960
Leader, Rick – Army
Leader, James L. - Marine
Leslie, Harvey L. – Army
London, Murphy Lee – Army
Longacre, J.C. – Air Force
Love, L. D. Army Pvt. 1st Class 25th Div – 1961
Love, Lester – Marines-PFC
Love, Rici G. – Air Force
Lowrance Jr. Oscar – Coast Guard deceased
Lowrance, Millard F. – Army WWII/Korean Conflict Cpt. deceased
Lyda, Dottie – Army – Captain
Lyda, Tommy
MacDonald, George Daniel – Army
Malaney, Dennis – Army
Malaney, jerry - Army
Marler, Loretta – Navy – SA
Marris, John W.
Mayes, Harmon A. – Air Force
Maytubby, Army - WWI (1917)- Camp Merrritt, N.J. Born - Reagan, Okla.
Maytubby, Lymon J. - Army Captain - Vietnam Era
Maytubby, Melvin – Navy
Maytubby, Benny – Army
Maytubby, Bryon L. – Army Air Force WWII deceased
McCormick, Nicky – Navy – Seaman 1st Class
McCormick, Nicodemous – Navy Korean Conflict Seaman 1st. Class deceased
McCoy, Samuel – Army – ES
McCurry, Donna
McCurtain, Jerry -
McDonald, Gerorge Daniel – Army
McDonald, James – Army –
McDonald, Alma Ellen (Carvel) - Navy
McKellop, Cody - U.S. Army - Nov.17, 1969-Aug.22,1972
McKellop, Cody Kim
McKellop. Louie
McKee, Johnnie
McNeely, William C.
Mead, Billy – Army – Ret. Chief Wrnt Officer 2
Meeks, Kevin D. – Army NG
Mellor, William Bruce* - Army Korea 40th Infantry Division
Melville, Newton Navy 1942-1945 Pacific (USS Chicago (sank) USS Guam)
Metzger, Steven - Army eight years service - Later awarded Purple Heart for injuries received as a civilian military employee in Iraq 2005.
Miller, Bobby William
Miller, James Lewis – Army Pvt. 1st. Class
Mitchell, Billie Louise - Army
Mitchell, Jay - Army National Guard Chief Warrant Officer
Mitchell, V.D. – Marines – Gunnery Sgt.
Moody, Steven Douglas – Army
Moore, James D. L. Jr.
Moore, Tommy L.
Moore, Merle E. – Air Force
Moore, Victor Ray – Air Force E-5
Moore, Alexander K. – Air Force Reserve / Marine
Morin, Lavern P. P.F.C. June 1943-Dec 1945
Mose, Dorsey
Mowdy, James Keith
Mulligan, Lura
Mutz, Louis Platoon Sergeant
Neasbitt, John Talley – Army deceased
Ned, Morris – Army
Ned, Morris Aubrey
Ned, Morris Homer -
Ned, Morris Ridgely - Army
Ned, William, Navy – E-5
Ned-Deal, Amanda
Nelson, Franklin - Army
Neumeyer, Matthew P. - Army Company Cmdr. - Kuwait, Kosovo, Iraq - 1995 graduate of West Point military academy serving his second tour of duty in Iraq, is stationed in Fallujah training Iraqi special police.
During his first tour of duty, Capt. Neumeyer received a Bronze Star for Valor
Nichols, Robert E. USCG - Seaman First Class, - WWII 1942-45 Anti submarine warfare
Norman, J.D. – Army/Navy – GM2/MSG
Norman, Jerry
Norman, Weldon – Army – 1st Class
Norton, Joe Allen – Army N.G.
Norman, Harley Curtiss - Navy
Norvell, John – Army – SP-4
Norvell, Perry – Marines – Pvt.
Norvell, Glynn – Army – Sgt.
Orphan, Rita – Navy – E-3
Orphan, Levi – Army – Airborne Master-Seargent
Orphan, Ray
Orr, Joe – Army – SFC
Owens, Frank – Army – PFC (Aircraft)
Owens, Benny – Air Force – Private
Owens, Johhny (Buck) Korean War
Palmer, Eddie

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Palmer, Frank Benjamin – Army 1944-48
Palmer, Chris
Parker, Ron – USMC – Sgt.
Parker Jr., John Westley – Navy (ME3)
Parnacher, Floyd – Navy – Apprentice
Patton, Johnny Boyd – Air Force
Paul, Larry J. – USMC - 1965 - Bronze Star
Paul, Stephen S. Marines 1966-1972
Paul, Tommy Allen – Army
Paul, William D. Marines – Vietnam 1967-69
Payne, Jerry Navy Nov 1966-Aug 1970
Percival, Howard – Navy CB – 2nd Class
Perkins, James - Army
Perry, Jim – Army – S-4 Sgt
Perry, Lee Roy – Army N.G.
Pershica, Jerry Lee
Pershica, M.F. – Army – Private-Combat Engineer
Perschica, Harrison McLane – Army/ Korean Conflict deceased
Pettigrew, William – Air Force – Cpl.
Pettigrew, Thomas Allen Caston – Marine Pvt.
Phillips, Raymond Leon – Army Cpt.
Pich, Charles
Pich, Clyde James - Army
Pich, David Army Vietnam Era (retired)
Pich, Jackie R.
Pich, Joseph
Pich, Michael
Pich, Randall
Pich, Roger L.
Pich, Russell
Pickens, Sherman Craig - Navy
Pike, Bennie A.
Pittman, Kenneth – Army – PFC
Poe, David – National Guard – Staff Sgt.
Poe, J.C. – National Guard – Staff Sgt. E6
Polk, Tommy dean
Poteat, Micheal – Army
Powell, Clifford Alan – Army Spc. 4 1973-1976
Powell, Joel Preston, Sr. – Army 1917
Powell, Johnny Thomas – Navy – April 1943- June 1951
Powell, Robert Lynn – Army Spc. 4 1968-1971
Powell Jr., Preston – Army Air Force
Powell, Cecil Coy – Army
Powell, Kenneth Eugene – Air Force
Powell, Robert David – Army
Price, Larry Joe – Navy
Price Jr., Theron – Army and NG
Puller, John – Army – Tech 5th 2nd Division
Puller Jr., Jackson – Army Sgt.
Pulliam, Elliott – Army – PFC
Pulliam, Marvin – Army – E-4
Quincy, W.W. (Bill) Jr. WWII
Quick, David Thomas – Air Force Msqt.
Rainner, Charles
Ramsey, Tecumseh – Army – Staff Sgt.
Rankin III, Hugh Bennett – Air Force
Ratliff, John * Normandy Invasion –Battle of the Bulge
Ray, Brian Wade - Navy
Ray, Jerry
Reams, Ms. Terri – Air Force ANG
Ream IV, Robert L. - Navy
Reed, Mike
Reed, Warren – Army-USAF – Sgt.
Reed, Hiawatha – T/5
Reed, Paul – Army – PFC
Reich, Dana Army
Renfro, Gary Don - Army
Rich, Perry - Marines - 1977-1984
Richards, Charles – Army VetCorp – Sgt.
Richardson, Johnny – Army - Private
Rider, Anthony "Tony" - USMC - served in Iraq March 2003 - Oct. 03
Ridley, Jerry – Army – Cpl.
Riggs, Darral Wayne – Navy
Ringer, Charles W. – Navy RM2
Ringer, Charles W. – Navy RM5 Vietnam Era
Roberts, Brenda
Roberts, Hubert Dennis – Air Force
Roberts, Hubert Dennis Jr. – Air Force
Rodden, Jimmy - Army
Rodke, R.B. WWII Col.
Rolin, Roy WWII – Korean
Roller, Greg – U.S. Coast Guard (retired)
Ross, Herman Wilson* - WWI Pacific
Ross, Bob – Army – Sgt.
Saiser, Richard R. - Air Force FAC-interpreter - Vietnam Era
Sanders, James Hugh
Sanders, Micheal Edwards – Marine
Sanders, Steven Jessie – Navy
Sanders, Larry Ray – Army Msqt.
Sands, Johnny ray
Scoggin, Henry B.* - StaffSgt. Company C. 99th Chemical WWII 1942-45
Scott, Jimmie - Army Reserve Major - active duty in Camp Ashraf, Iraq Nov. 2003-2005 (present)
Scribner, Theodore Roosevelt - Army Major - Served in Vietnam served from 1965-1985 - Bronze Star for his service in Vietnam and received three Americorps medals and an Army Commendation medal during his 21-year career.
Sealey, Lenard
Sealy, Ben
Seeley, Bernie – Army – SSG
Seeley, Joseph Booth – Army Sgt. – WWII – deceased
Seely, Leslie
Sealey, Gerald – Navy E-5
Shavney, Beulah M. - WArmy Aux Corp May 1943-Aug. 1943 Army WAC Aug. 1943-Dec.1945
Shaw, Bobby Gene - Army
Shearer, Philip Rannel – Army N.G.
Shields, Charles – Army
Shields, Homer - Army
Shico, Donald * Vietnam Era
Shipman, Floyd – T-5
Smith, Harris Stephen II
Smith, Vera
Snider, Elisha Jeremy - Army Specialist - Bronze Star, National Defense Ribbon and numerous other awards for his acts of bravery while on patrol near Baghdad, Iraq. Feb. - July 2004.
Snyder, Brian Karl - Army Artillery - Vietnam Era
Snyder, Clifford Gene- Army 504th MP Battalion - Vietnam Era
Sperry, Clarence E. – Navy Petty Officer
Sperry, Joe Frank – Navy Petty Officer
Sperry, Robert D. - Marine
Spivey, Hubert Girwood - Army
Spivey, J. Bryan
Spradlin, Joshua P. - Navy Master of Arms Seaman Apprentice - Keflavik, Iceland
Spradling, Jason Army Persian Gulf
Stephens, James R. Navy E1
Stephens, Theea
Stephenson, Thomas, - Air Force
Stevenson, Charles Army/USAF
Stephenson, George L. – Air Force/Navy 23 years
Stick, Martin C. Jr. – Marines
Stick, Harold
Still, Jessie Lee
Still, Joel
Stinson, Albert J. – Sgt. U.S. Army, WWII deceased
Stinson, Felix C. – T-5 U.S. Army, WWII deceased
Stout, David Ray Army Vietnam
Straughn, Marlin
Straughn, Barry Vernon – Air Force
Straughn, Garry - Army

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Strickland, J.W. – Navy
Stuart, H. Elvin – Marine Vietnam Era
Surber, Dan – Army-Korean War
Surber, Frank – Army-Korean War
Sweet, Bobby Marines Vietnam Era
Sweet, Jerry Marines Vietnam Era
Sweet, David
Swift, Ronald William - Navy
Swinney, Roy Harvey Navy 1945-1946
Tabor Jr., Marvin T. – Air Force
Tabor, Marvin T. – Army WWII / Air Force – Korean Conflict deceased
Talley, William (Bill) Army Corporal
Thomas, Heck Andrew
Thomas, James Calvin – Army
Thomas, John Navy - USS Flint AE 32, Campaign Desert Shield (1990) and Desert Storm (1991).
Thomas, Heck Andrew – Army WWII deceased
Thomas, Carl Eugene – Navy
Thomas, Alvin Euguen - Navy
Thompson, Ronald Dean - Army
Tippen, Robert, II Tex. Air National Guard 1969-75 (713) 988-8094
Trimmer, Wayne Lee (Bud) - Navy
Trimmer, Wayne – Navy E-4
Tucker, Tommy - Navy
Tune, Dennis, Larry - Navy
Tune, Leslie Lynn
Tyson, Larry James
Underwood, Benjamin – Air Force
Underwood, David Army 1973-1976
Underwood, David Lynn - Army
Underwood, J.H. Army WWI Pvt.
Underwood, James Army Vietnam Era 1966-1969
Underwood, Jerry Air Force Tech Sergent EL
Underwood, Sampson Air Force E-6
Underwood, Shawn - - Iraq
Underwood, Thedo (Ted)
Underwood, Fred – Army NG
Vale, John Air Force 1951-1955
Victor, Alfred Civil War Battle of Pea Ridge
Von Tungeln, Micheal - Marine
Walker, James Charles Korean War
Walker, William Dugles Navy Seaman Second Class USS Oklahoma
Walker, Wordley Natl Guard Army-Private 1st Class
Walker, David B. – Army NG
Wallace, Clarence Air Force Airman 1st Class
Wallace, Ludie Army PFC
Walton, Ervin Army Vietnam Era 1967-1968
Walton, Ervin Hosey – Army
Ward, William M. – Army Spc 4
Warren, Teddy L. – Air Force
Washburn, Tracy – Army
Washburn, Darrell L. – Army
Webb, Bryan Christopher – Air Force E-4
Wells, Billy Amon Air Force 1947-1968 Master Sergeant
Wells, Homer Dee – Air Force
Wells, Morgan Navy Seaman 1st Class
Willis Sr., Paul Allen – Navy
Willis Jr., Paul Allen – Navy
Wilson, Jackie Dee - Navy
Whitfield, Marion Navy AOM/1C
Whitfield, Michael
Whitfield, Jack US Navy AOM 3C
Whitfield, Billie
Whitfield, Billy Army
White, Walter Ross Army Air Corp WWII Cpl.
Wilcox, Jobelle - Navy Nurse - WWII
Willard, Gaylan – Army
Williams, Robert – Air Force
Williford, John Army Air Corp WWII
Williford, Lawrence E. Navy WWII 1942-1945 Pacific
Williford, Samuel F. Army WWII 1942-1945 SSG Pacific
Willis, Jared Army Iraq Purple Heart
Willis, Van Natl Guard Private 1st Class
Willis, Ben Navy 3rd Class
Wilson, Dustin
Wilson, Joseph P. - Army E-5 Vietnam Era Jan. 1966 - Dec. 1968
Wilson, Rex Marines
Wilson, Rick
Wisdom, Lige
Wisdom, Noah* WWII
Wisdom, Noah Jr. – Army
Wolf, Leo – Army WWII deceased
Woods, Robert* Vietnam Era
Woods, Jerry Dale – Air Force
Wooley, Robert – Korean Veteran
Worcester, Frank
Worcester, Lester,
Worcester, Melvin
Worcester, Michael
Worcester, Roy
Word, Estill
Wynne, Jimmy – Marines Sgt. Desert Storm 1990-91- Army – Staff Sgt. Operation Noble Eagle 2002-03 – assistance for Katrina victims Okla. Army National Guard
Wright, George Weldon – Army N.G.
Wright, Ethan Andrew – Navy BMSN
Yoakum, Woodrow - Army Seventh Corp 951st F.A.
Yoakum, Woodrow W. – Army Ml Sgt. Discharge Oct. 1945

Family Members

^Andrews, Earl L. Army - 1st Army WWII Died on Rhine River April 1945
^Andrews, Vernon R. Army - 1st Cavalry WWII 1946-48
Submitted by Evelyn Andrews
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^Bond, Curtis* - Army
^Bond, George Army WWII (retired)
^Bond, Larry Army
^London, Clyde C. Air Force Vietnam-Korea (retired)
^London, Larry Navy
^London, Gary Army
^London, Murphy Army (retired)
^London, Jeremiah Army
^Phillips, Raymond Army Vietnam-Korea
^Sharpe, Mack Marines
^Hyden, Preston Marines
^Family members submitted by Carmen Sharpe
+++
~Bynum, Joseph R. Army WWII Cpl.
~Bynum, Lola Air Force WWII Cpt. War Department
~Bynum, Ray C. Navy WWII Gunners Mate
~Bynum, Murle C. Navy Korean War
~Bynum, Art Army Korean War Air Photographer/Pilot
~Family members submitted by Lola Bynum
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'Byrd, Roy Neal Army WWI Cpl. 111th Eng. 36th Division
'Byrd, Roy Neal Jr. Army 15th Army Air Force 465th Bomb Group
'Family members submitted by Roy Neal Byrd Jr.
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Capes, Walter W. Navy Coxman First, WWII Jan. 1941 - June 1945 Pacific
Capes, Bennie G.* - Navy Boatsman Third, WWII Jan. 1941 - April 1945, Pacific
Capes, Robison* Army, Korean War
Capes, David* Army, Korean War
Family members submitted by Walter Capes
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Cathcart, Billy W. Air Force
Hollopeter, Wiley Ray Navy Vietnam Era
Hollopeter, Billy Wolf Army Vietnam Era
Family members submitted by Doris Trotter
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@Chase, Grove Navy WWII

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@Chase, Richard Marines Vietnam Era
@Chase, Danny Air Force Vietnam Era
@Chase, Kennen Marines Vietnam Era
@Family members
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-Cheadle, Overton (Buck) - Navy Athletic Specialist, First Class Petty Officer 1943-46WWII
-Cheadle, Robert - Marine Corps Vietnam Era - 1966-69 – Purple Heart
-(Cheadle) Gaskell, Mary Alice - Air Force Captain - 15 years
-(Cheadle) Kline, Tommy - Navy - WWII - 1943-46
-family members submitted by Overton "Buck"Cheadle
+++
Duckworth, Wiley Jay* - Army WWI (Original enrollee)
Duckworth, Wiley Joe - Army WWII
family members submitted by Betty McCullah
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~Egge (Jack), Valla D. Woman Marine Vietnam era Parris Island June 1961-Nov. 1962
~Egge, Walter B. Egge IV Navy Lt. Supply officer Bahrain (active duty Nov. 2004)
Submitted by Valla D. Egge (Jack)
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>Haddock, Nick Navy Reserve Vietnam Era
>Haddock, Russell Navy
>Family members submitted by Nick Haddock
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>Hawley, Ronald W. Army Vietnam Era
>Hawley, R. Michael Navy U.S.S. Independence 1966
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<Hayes, Don Army Vietnam Era 1969-1971
<Hayes, Ron Marines Vietnam Era 1966-1969 (sniper)
<Family members
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%Hodges, James D. Army Vietnam Era (retired 21 years)
%Ivey, Ronald D. Air Force Vietnam Era
%Hodges, Gary Dale Vietnam Era
%Family members submitted by Lura Mullican
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Kale, Wilson Army 1940-1945
Kale, Carroll Wayne Army Berlin Crisis – Korean War – Vietnam Era
Kale, Douglas Army - 1389th BBQ Bermuda Base Command Sergeant
Kale, Henry A Jr. Army Korean War
Kale, Kenneth M. Navy Korean War
Kale, Jack C. Navy WWII
Kale, Claywood D. Navy WWII
Family members
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Kincaid, Roy Sullivan* - Army Tech 5th Grade - 1942-45
Kincaid, Robert Louis - Navy Pharmacist's Mate, First Class - WWII
family members submitted by Janis Elayne Healy
+++
Landreth, Dewey W. - USMC - WWII and Korea
Landreth, Robert Z.* - USMC - WWII and Korea
Landreth, Knute* - Army - WWII, Korea and Vietnam
Landreth, Knute Jr. - Army - Vietnam
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Neal, Mouzon, E. - Army - WWII - 25 years Army Reserves
Neal, Rev. Oliver B. Jr. - Army 1948-50
Neal, Oliver B. III - Army 1974-76 - Vietnam Era
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Ned, Aubrey - Air Force
Ned-Deal, Amanda - Air Force
Ned, Morris Homer - Army WWII
Ned, Morris ridgely - Army
Burris, Gene - Army
Burris, Odie - Navy
Collins, Lroy - Army
family members submitted by Dawn Ahhaitty
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Nowlin, Gary W. - Army - 1978-84
Nowlin, Phillip - Army - 1988-1996
Nowlin, Raymond L.* - Army - Korean War
Nowlin, Raymond L. - Marines - 1974-2004 - personal bodyguard to Henry Kissinger
Nowlin, Steve W. - Army Drill Sgt. 1983-2002
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Pich, Charles P. - Army CSM - Vietnam era
Pich, Jackie, R. - Army
Pich, Joseph P. - Army
Pich, Michael - Army
Pich, Randall B. - Army
Pich, Roger L. - Army
Pich, Russell - Army
family members submitted by Roger L. Pich
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Pickens, Dave* - WWI
Pickens, John Thomas* - Marine Corps - Korea
submitted by Katherine L. Jones
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=Powell, Roy Bert WWI
=Powell, Vernon Ellis Air Force 1928-1958 Master Sergeant
=Powell, John Blair Air Force 1968-1972 Staff Sergeant
=Family members submitted by John Blair Powell
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+Smith, E.R. Jr. Army WWII – Korean War 1st Sgt. German/Italy
+Smith, Frank Marines
+Smith, Calvin C.
+Duty, David Marines
+Duty, Clint
+Maupin, Tony Air Force
+Maupin, Stephen Air Force
+Family members submitted by Dawn West
+++
Smith, Kenneth D.* - Air Force
Smith, Thomas N. - Navy - Vietnam Era
+++
/Toole, Sherwood Army WWII
/Blocker, Ronald O. Air Force Somalia – Desert Storm (support) (retired)
/Blocker, Edward L. Air Force (retired)
/Blocker, Bruce C. Navy/Air Force WWII – Korean War – Vietnam Era–(35 years service)
/Family members
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*&Turnbull, Albert Army WWI Pvt. Co. H 358 Inf. Killed in Verdum, France 1918
&Turnbull, Raymon Army WWII
& Family members submitted by Halgeanee Turnbull Bennett
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Underwood, John H. Pfc 745 AAA Gun BN CAC, WWII, March 12, 1917- May 1, 1972
Underwood, Cecil H. SP 5, Army Aug. 25, 1941- May 2, 2002
Sons of original enrollee Louis Underwood
family members submitted by
+++
#Williamson, Daniel Army Vietnam-Korea
#Scott, Bill Army Korean War
#Carter, George Army WWII-Korea
#Williamson, Arthur Army WWII
#Williamson, Daniel Army Spanish American War
#Williams, Jacqueline Army Persian Gulf
#Williamson, Jay Navy Persian Gulf Era
#Williamson, John Army Somolia-Iraq
#Williamson, Shawn Marines
#Wright, Jesse Army Iraq
#Gibbonns, Casey Army
#Scott, Carter Army Korean War
#Submitted by Arthur L. Williamson

State of the Nation, continued from page 1

U.S. Rep. Tom Cole, right, with his son Mason Cole and his brother, John Cole.

Members of the Chickasaw Children's Choir perform during the State of the Nation address.

three times the size of Carl Albert Hospital in Ada.

"No other tribe has ever constructed and equipped a healthcare facility this large," said Mr. Lance. "Creation of the new hospital will add approximately 300 new employment positions in the coming years, which will positively impact Chickasaw people and our local economies."

Expansion of services will include increasing the number of dental chairs from 10 to 31. Several new services to be added include an imaging department with two CT scans, MRI and digital mammography.

Education

More than $7 million in tribal funds was distributed last year in the form of scholarships and grants, according to Lisa John, administrator of the Division of Education.

More than 300 Chickasaw students received laptop scholarships and more than 2,300 received textbook grants.

Lona Barrick, administrator of the Division of Arts and Humanities, said there had been tremendous growth in the Summer Arts Academy and other programs.

"Our After School Arts program reaches more than 6,000 students and teaches them not only about art, but about Chickasaw heritage and culture," Ms. Barrick said.

Youth and Family

Gov. Anoatubby said "Healthy families make up the very foundation of a healthy and strong nation," as he introduced Jay Keel, administrator of the Division of Youth and Family.

Mr. Keel said that more than 5,000 students across the U.S. had received clothing grant assistance this year. He also pointed out that during the current school year students at the Chickasaw Children's Village had earned an average grade point average of 3.04. Seven of those students earned college scholarships.

More than 1,000 Chickasaw youth attended a variety of camps and academies this summer and more than 1,000 students at seven different sites are enrolled in the martial arts program.

Future plans for the Youth and Family Division include an outdoor recreational facility in Ada complete with gymnasium, tennis courts, basketball courts, softball fields, soccer fields as well as a walking and running track.

State Rep. Lisa Johnson-Billy served as State of the Nation emcee .

Tribal Development

Wayne Scribner, administrator of the Division of Housing and Tribal Development, explained that the home mortgage program had been expanded to Chickasaws across the U.S.

He said the division had expanded the storm shelter program and completed several new facilities this year. "Our tribal development team completed the Pharmacy Refill Center, the Tishomingo Senior Site addition, the Tishomingo Wellness Center, the two community centers, the Chickasaw White House, the housing administration building and are nearing competition on the education building, the Sick Child Daycare Center, the Duncan Senior Site, and the Government Services building… just to name a few," said Mr. Scribner.

Program Operations

Pat Woods, administrator of the Program Operations Division, said that more than 650 young people were employed in the Summer Youth program this year.

More than 500 new computers have been distributed to Chickasaws and more than 2,000 Chickasaw elders have received assistance with utility payments.

A newly developed Career Development Initiative has already provided opportunities to work to more than 100 individuals experiencing barriers to employment. Participants in this program also take part in GED classes, as well as training in life skills and budgeting.

The Career Development Initiative, Gov. Anoatubby said, was one example of several programs which served a dual purpose.

"Our horticulture program, the Career Development Initiative, Landscaping School-to-Work – all of these programs provide great employment and educational opportunities while at the same time meeting much needed services for Chickasaw people," Gov. Anoatubby said.

Culture

Kelley Lunsford, administrator of the Division of Culture, said that the Chickasaw Cultural Center enter should be completed by fall of 2008.

"In addition to the learning opportunities that will be available at the new Cultural Center, we are developing the 'Hayochi: The Chickasaw Discovery Center' here in Tishomingo," Ms. Lunsford said. "Hayochi will be more than just a center, but a community space for traditional events to serve Chickasaw people."

Other achievements of the division include an award for best interpretive exhibit from the Oklahoma Museums Association. The Chickasaw Council House Museum received the award for *Hina Lawa Linoatok – We Have Walked Many Roads*.

Amanda Cobb-Greetham is the administrator of the recently created Division of History, Research and Scholarship. She explained that her division would collect historical documents, genealogical records, and oral histories which will eventually be housed in the Holisso Center for the Study of Chickasaw History and Culture.

"The Holisso Center, which is currently under construction, will be a state-of-the-art facility, especially designed to protect and house the documents that are so precious to our families." said Dr. Cobb-Greetham.

"We not only collect documents of our history, we write and publish our own histories as well through the Chickasaw Press," Dr. Cobb-Greetham said. "As a matter of fact, I'm pleased to announce that our first publication, 'Chickasaws: Unconquered and Unconquerable,' received a gold medal for excellence from the Independent Publisher's Association."

Two new titles release in honor of the first anniversary of the Chickasaw Press are 'Never Give Up!: The Life of Pearl Carter Scott' by Paul Lambert and 'Chickasaw Lives' by Richard Green.

Several new projects are under way including a biography of Chickasaw Governor Douglas Johnston.

"We have done great things together," said Gov. Anoatubby. "We have built a strong foundation, but there is still much to be done.

"What do we have left to accomplish? We won't be finished until every Chickasaw has access to health care, every Chickasaw has the opportunity for a good job, and each Chickasaw has every opportunity to make their dream a reality."

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2007-2008 Chickasaw Royalty crowned

Princess Jaisen Monetathchi - Junior Princess Catie Newport - Little Miss Chickasaw Alexis Walker

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel pose with Chickasaw Princess Jaisen Monetathchi, Chickasaw Junior Princess Catie Newport and Little Miss Chickasaw Alexis Walker following the awards ceremony at this year's annual Princess Pageant.

ADA, Okla. - Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel crowned the 2007-2008 Chickasaw royalty on Monday, October 1 at the annual Chickasaw Princess Pageant at the Cougar Activity Center in Ada.

Nine young ladies were judged on written essay, interviewing skills, traditional Chickasaw dress, random questioning, talent and poise. The winners were chosen by a panel of judges, and will serve in the elite positions in 2007-2008.

Jaisen Monetathchi, 17, was selected Chickasaw Princess; Catie Newport, 15, was selected Chickasaw Junior Princess; and Alexis Walker, 11, was chosen Little Miss Chickasaw.

"We are proud to have these wonderful young ladies serve as ambassadors for the Chickasaw people during the upcoming year," Gov. Anoatubby said. "They join a great history of dynamic Chickasaw women."

The new princesses will spend the next year making more than 40 appearances on behalf of the Chickasaw Nation traveling across Oklahoma and several other states.

Chickasaw Princess Jaisen Monetathchi, daughter of Dusk and Melanie Monetathchi, is a senior at Ada High School in Ada, Okla.

"I want to be a role model for youth of all ages," Jaisen said. "I will continue to do my very best to serve and make the people of this nation very proud."

Chickasaw Junior Princess Catie Newport, a sophomore at Ada High School, is the daughter of Steve and Drucilla Jacob.

"Becoming the next Chickasaw Junior Princess (will) be a great honor to represent the Chickasaw Nation and its people," Catie said. "I'm very proud of my Native heritage and I have been raised to respect the ways and teachings from my elders."

Little Miss Chickasaw Alexis Walker, daughter of Darrell and Johnna Walker, is a sixth-grade student at Willard Grade Center in Ada.

"Little Miss Chickasaw is a great opportunity to represent the great unconquerable Chickasaw Nation as well as my family," Alexis said. "I believe I (will) learn more about my heritage and language, meet new people and visit exciting places."

Gov. Anoatubby presented each princess winner with a crown, traditional dress, shawl, sash, trophy, gifts and cash prizes.

During the pageant ceremony, a special tribute was paid to the princesses completing their reigns as Chickasaw royalty for 2006-2007. The outgoing princesses are Chickasaw Princess Monica Seawright, Junior Chickasaw Princess Nacobi Walker and Little Miss Chickasaw Caitlynn Sparlin.

Other candidates in this year's pageant included Mikayla Hook, Shelbey Parnacher, Fichik Frazier, Nakita Parnacher, Julie Underwood and Erin Brown.

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Fichik Frazier

Mikayla Hook

Shelbey Parnacher

Golf, Horseshoe and Softball Tournaments

Golf Tournament First Place Winners: Tom John, Lisa John, Harry Underwood and Ben Coffey.

Golf Tournament Second Place Winners: Nick Boyd, Maurice Boyd, Andrea Dick, and Nate Dick.

Golf Tournament Third Place Winners: Butch Lancaster, Dempsey Mathis, Nic Bailey, and Allen Fox.

Horseshoe Tournament winners: from left, David Davis first place singles and firs place doubles, Curtis Willis first place doubles, Claude Wall and Gary Walker, second place doubles, Michael Perkins second place singles and third place doubles, and Tim Davis third place doubles.

Krystal Bohonon and her son Jaxson Bohonon enjoy the Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival softball tournament.

Jacob Thompson, third place singles.

Charles Shields

Cultural Evening

Larry Hawkins, Joanna Hawkins and Debra Poe entertain the guest at Cultural Evening.

Suzanne and Charley Russell

Daytime Activities

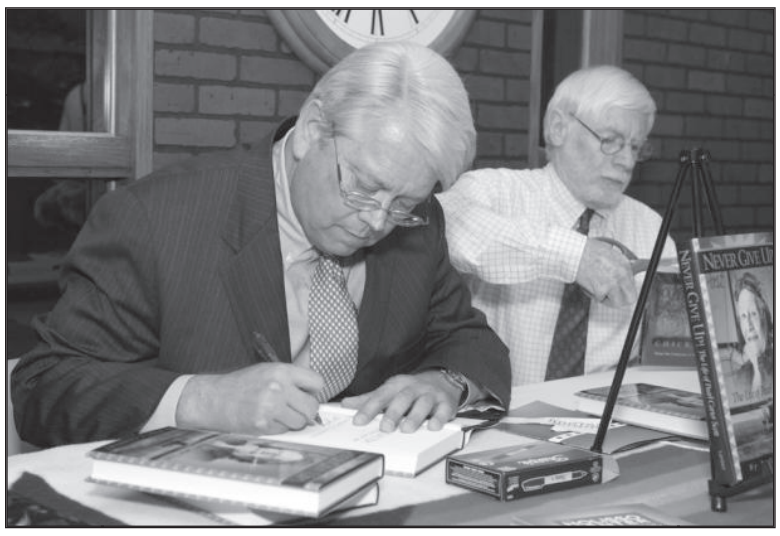
Daytime Activities

Johnson-Billy, Smith honored for work

Honors bestowed at Arts and Culture Awards

Stanley Smith, center, was honored with the Silver Feather Award at the Chickasaw Nation Arts and Culture Awards Ceremony.

Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham presents a Heritage Preservatin Award to Joshua Hinson for Best Master's Thesis, *tólí Chikashsha inaafokha: Chickasaw Stickball Regalia.*



Paul Lambert, left, author of *Never Give Up!: The Life of Pearl Carter Scott* and Richard Green, author of *Chickasaw Lives* autograph copies of their books during the Chickasaw Nation Arts and Culture Wards.

TISHOMINGO, Okla. – A state legislator, a teacher of Chickasaw language, tribal historians and southeastern artists were honored at the Chickasaw Nation Arts and Culture Awards October 4 at the Murray State Ballroom.

Oklahoma State Representative Lisa Johnson-Billy was honored as the Chickasaw Nation Dynamic Woman of the Year.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby presented the award.

"Our nation is strong, and a big reason our nation is strong is because of dynamic women," said Gov. Anoatubby.

Rep. Johnson-Billy said there were many people who had helped her throughout her life, but she singled out her father, Frank Johnson, as an inspiration.

Wiping away tears, she told the story that symbolized the positive influence he had on her life.

After falling off a horse as a child, she began crying even though she was not injured.

"Stop crying," her father told her. "If you're going to ride, ride. If not, go into the house and cry."

"My father has taught me all my life to stand up for what I believe in," Rep. Johnson-Billy said. "In the state legislature I stand up for what I believe in, and that is the Chickasaw people."

In 2004, Rep. Johnson-Billy became the first Native American and woman elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives from District 42.

Rep. Johnson-Billy is the chairman of the newly created International, Federal and Tribal Relations Committee.

In 2006, she initiated the first Oklahoma Native American Caucus and currently serves as the co-chair. She is also vice-chair of the majority caucus and a deputy whip.

Stanley Smith received the Silver Feather award for his work to preserve Chickasaw heritage and culture.

Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel presented the award.

Patrick Kennedy, right, and Matthew DeSpain (not pictured) were co-recipients of a Heritage Preservation award for Best Article for "The Ring and Beyond: The Boxing Life of Chickasaw Pugilist Curt Kennedy," presented by Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham.

"I've known Stan Smith a long time, and I can think of no one better to teach our language," said Lt. Gov. Keel.

Mr. Smith began speaking the Chickasaw language at an early age and is now employed as the Senior Language Master of the Chickasaw Language Revitalization Program.

Matthew DeSpain and Patrick Kennedy, were co-recipients of a Heritage Preservation award for Best Article for "The Ring and Beyond: The Boxing Life of Chickasaw Pugilist Curt Kennedy".

Patrick is the nephew of the late Curt Kennedy. He said the two had a special relationship.

"I believe that every Chickasaw citizen probably has stories to tell of their families and should take the time to write them down," said Patrick. "Each story is like a single thread that when woven together makes one large Chickasaw blanket."

Joshua Hinson received a Heritage Preservation award for Best Master's Thesis, *tólí Chikashsha inaafokha: Chickasaw Stickball Regalia*.

Awards were also presented to winners of the Southeastern Art Show and Market.

The top winners in each category were:

- Best in Division - 2-D – Brent Greenwood (Chickasaw) for his painting entitled "Medicine Birds"
- Best in Division - 3-D – Scott Roberts (Muscogee) for his ceremonial bottle pottery piece
- Best in Division - Cultural – Wayne Walker (Chickasaw) for his adorned deer skin bag
- Best in Show – Jerry Haney (Seminole) for his wood sculpture entitled "Stickball Player"

The show was open to all artists of Southeast and Woodlands tribes and included entries from members of each of the Five Civilized Tribes.

Artists, who were juried into the market by a panel of judges, were also able to enter the art show to compete for a number of cash awards.

The award ceremony also marked the first anniversary of the Chickasaw Press with the release of two new titles: *Never Give Up!: The Life of Pearl Carter Scott* by Paul Lambert and *Chickasaw Lives* by Richard Green.

Dozens of those in attendance purchased books during a reception and book-signing immediately following the award ceremony.

Aaron Long and Stephanie Scott were honored with Chickasaw Historical Society Service Awards for their work for the society.

The winning artwork, as well as work from all 36 participating artists, was on display Friday and Saturday, October 5 – 6, at the SEASAM tent at the Chickasaw Festival in Tishomingo.

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Dynamic Woman of the Year,

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Oklahoma Legislature, Rep. Johnson-Billy served six years as a Chickasaw Nation tribal legislator. She is also a former educator in the Department of Continuing Education at the University of Oklahoma.

She earned a bachelor's degree in business from Northeastern (OK) State University and a master's degree in education from the University of Oklahoma.

While a student at Northeastern, she was inducted into the NSU Hall of Fame, served on Student Senate and served as the president of the Native American Student Association. She also founded Peacemakers, Inc., a small business designed to bring out leadership skills in youth.

Rep. Johnson-Billy has received the Institute of Child Advocacy Volunteer of the Year award, and was recently honored with the Oklahoma Spirit Award and the Girl Scouts of the USA Woman of Distinction award.

Rep. Johnson-Billy and her husband, Phillip, have three children – Masheli, Nahinli and Anoli. The family enjoys sports, hunting, tribal dancing and serving at Lighthouse Worship Center.

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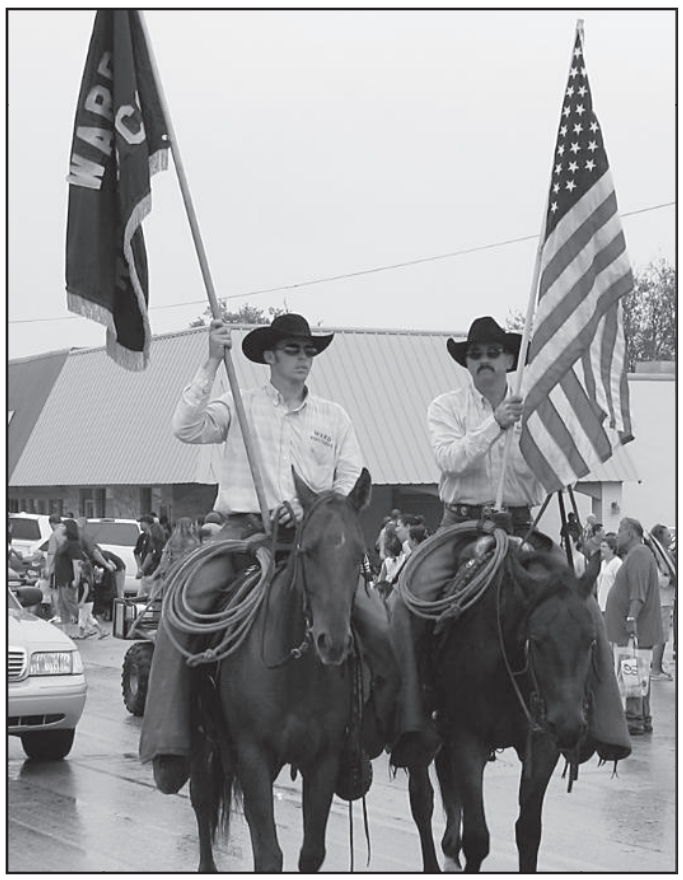
Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival Parade



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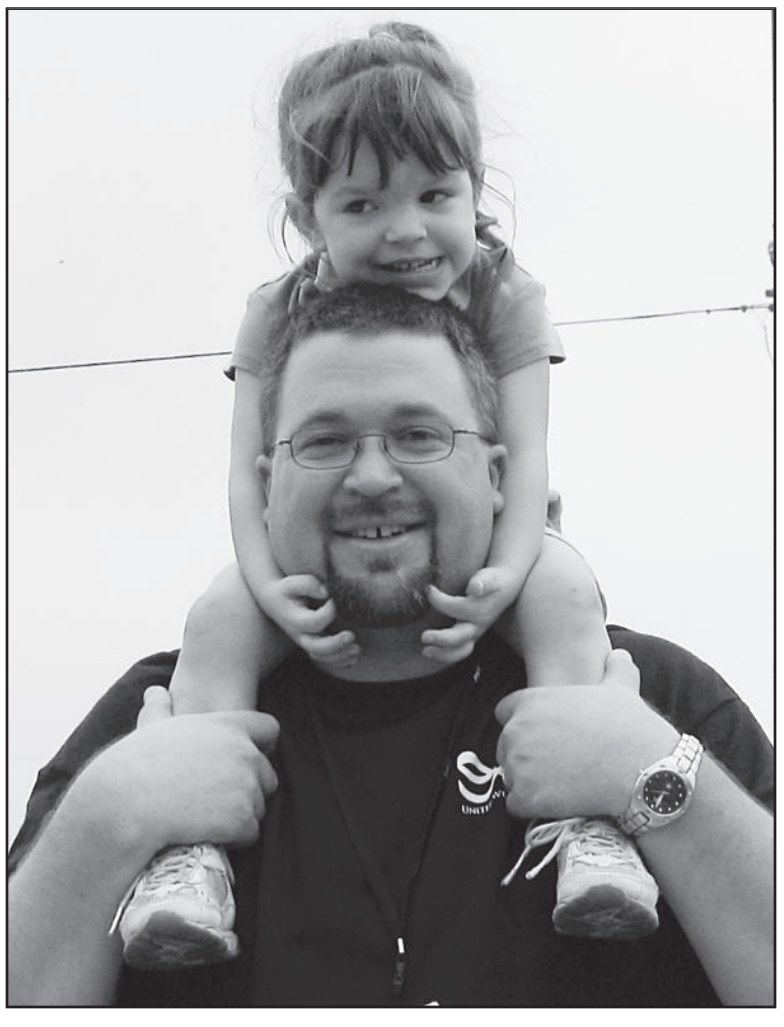
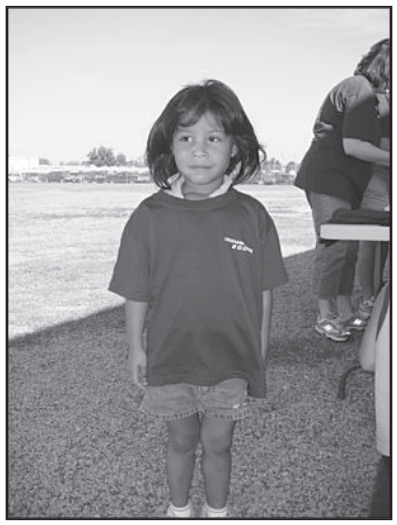
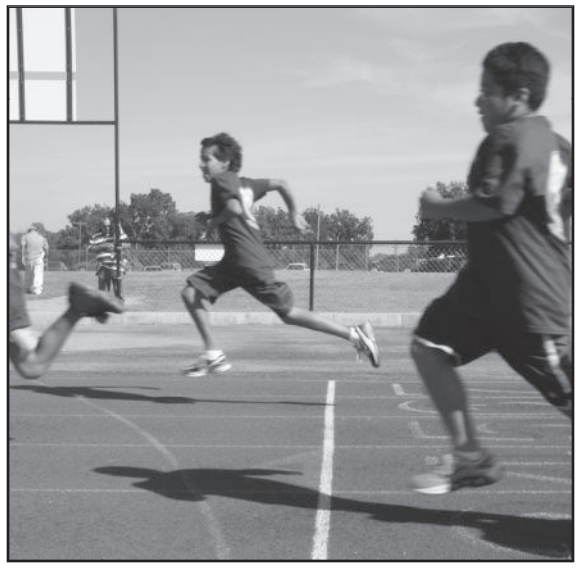


2007 Chickasaw Nation Junior Olympics Participant List

First Name	Last Name	Age
Alojhnna	Baker	8
Sheldon	Bond	16
Courtney	Brundidge	10
Courtney	Burris	10
Laura	Burris	6
Terry	Byars	11
James	Byars	9
Alexis	Cardinalle	6
Macy	Cardinalle	4
Cooper	Chancellor	6
Savannah	Clark	6
Angie	Colley	7
Triniti	Cotanny	4
Cortnie	Crockett	9
Vanisa	Crockett	7
Carson	Dean	4
Tyler	Dean	7
Justice	Dees	9
Jason	Dollar	8
Raquel	Ebarra	11
Josilyn	Eddy	4
Lilli	Eddy	3
Te'a	Elliott-Fox	10
Jarrett	Ellis	6
Hailey	Ellis	8
Josh	Factor	5
Jacob	Factor	9
Katie	Factor	4
Zoe	Factor	6
Geordana	Frazier	5
Fichik	Frazier	14
Little Sky	Frazier	11
Stacia	Gerhard	13
Kyle	Grant	6
Justin	Gray	16
Sarah	Gross	12
Micah	Gross	13
Reese	Hamiliton	6
James	Harcrow	4
Sunzie	Harrison	6
Taylor	Harrison	4
Jazlin	Hart	5
Nakoma	Hazlett	11
Michaela	Hazlett	13
Mikayla	Hicks	8
Skie	Hoaglin	6
Colton	Howeth	5
Chase	Imotichey	6
Danya	Impson	4
Isaiah	Jacobs	4
Kelsey	Kenedy	9
Tenetke-Holate	King	7
Alyssa	King	10
Alexis	Lewis	13
Jenesis	Lewis	6
Silas	Lewis	5
Justice	Lewis	8
K C	Lewis	5
Este'-Chate	Lewis	7
Sequoyah	Lindsey	12
Avery	Logan	9
Taylen	Mason	6
Logan	Matthews	8
Kolton	McGaha	4
Christian	McGowan	7
Haylie	McGowan	9
Victoria	Miller	12
Paige	Miller	14
Julia	Miller	11
Felix	Mitchell	12
Jason	Morgan	8
Kelsey	Morgan	4
Jolie	Morgan	6
Rebekah	Mose	4
Maylon	Newton	12
Justin	Osborn	16
Alexus	Palmer	8
Shelbey	Parnacher	11
Hailey	Perry	4
Samantha	Perry	9
Rhyan	Pogue	4
Anglia	Postoak	8
Kadin	Postoak	6
Kes	Reeves	7
Elisabeth	Reynolds	6
Grace	Reynolds	8
Quaid	Rich	12
Ryler	Rich	5
Holly	Rinehart	14
Tyler	Rinehart	9
Kathryn	Sanders	11
Hummingbird	Scott	5
Butterfly	Scott	5
Cheyenne	Shomo	8
Nicholas	Stephens	5
Blake	Summers	11
Briston	Summers	8
Silas	Taylor	7
Alexis	Taylor	4
Cody	Teague	8
Matthew	Tice	7
Joshua	Tice	11
Cliff	Tomlinson	9
Keagen	Trett	8
Jace	Tyson	5
Jordan	Underwood	11
Britney	Underwood	7
Kailey	Valero	6
Zachary	Vaughn	9
Rachel	Wainscott	14
Adam	Walker	11
Blayne	Walker	9
Tyler	Walker	7
Ryan	Walker	17
Jacob	Wallace	5
Krysten	Wallace	9
Cayman	Watkin	8
Kai	Watkin	7
Kyle	White Buffalo	16
Rico	Williamson	11
Cameron	Williamson	14
Mya	Wilson	8
Kanan	Wisdom	10
Lauren	Wood	4
Neely	Wood	8
Paige	Young	8

Junior Olympics





Elders working to stay healthy

'Choose an Active Life Day'

L.D. Love

The Chickasaw Nation Division on Aging hosted the first annual "Choose an Active Life Day" at Wintersmith Park in Ada.

Seniors from across the Chickasaw Nation gathered together for a day full of fun activities including a basketball contest, a softball throw, a walking trail and other healthy activities.

This new program was designed to encourage elders to get active and stay active. Although the day was cut a little short due to rain, everyone had a great time and enjoyed a cookout and all the activities.

First, second and third places were awarded in some events. Winners include:

• Basketball Freethrow Contest

1st – Leonard Sealey (Duncan)

2nd (tie) – Ann Fink (Tishomingo) and Pat Cox (Ada)

3rd (tie) – Jon Reading (Duncan), Bob Horton (Ada) and Mary Jo Green (Ada)

• Softball Throw Contest

1st – Leonard Sealey (Duncan)

2nd – Richard Payne (Duncan)

3rd – Wayne King (Duncan)

• Overall Site Winner – Duncan

Chickasaw Legislator Mary Jo Green.

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Chickasaw Nation hosts Diabetes Camp Reunion

Ted Boston, Donna Mathis, Sammie Montgomery, Geneva Holman and Mona Miller enjoy a cooking demonstration by Melissa Vavricka-Conaway, Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Care Center Dietitian.

The Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Care Center hosted a Diabetes Camp Reunion October 12, 2007 in Ada.

The reunion offered a time of fellowship and continuing education and support for past attendees of the annual diabetes camp.

Participants took part in education and wellness seminars related to nutrition, exercise, dental care, mental health, eye care, foot care and stages of change.

For questions about this event or the annual diabetes camp, contact Shon McCage at the Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Care Center (800) 851-9136 ext. 82252 or (580) 421-4532.

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The Shame of Sneaky Fox

By Judy L. Thomas

In the ancient times all woodland creatures lived in harmony and peace with one another.

The deer and wolf lived side by side along with rabbit and fox until one day a sneaky fox came along. There in the forest lived a fox who didn't like the other animals because they were not like him. He began to go to the other animals and tell lies.

Fox picked all the plums and threw them in the river but he told the deer that the wolves ate all the plums. This upset the deer and made them mad at the wolves for being so selfish. Fox then told the rabbit that the wolves were the ones who caused their burrow to cave in; when it really was fox that had done it. This caused the rabbit to move his home to the middle of the bramble bushes so that the wolves could not visit and destroy their homes.

During this time there was much confusion and distrust among the animals because of the lies the fox would tell and the trouble he liked to cause. The animals of the forest began to notice that whenever there was trouble, they would see the fox at the edge of the woods sneaking away to avoid the others and they began to call him sneaky fox. The other animals began to suspect the fox of causing mischief but they were unable to catch him in the act.

One day a turtle was on his way down to the river for a dip when the sneaky fox came along. Sneaky fox didn't like turtle because of his hard shell and slow ways. Sneaky fox decided he would turn over turtle and keep him from going to the river. A large elk happened by just as he was in the act of turning turtle unto his back. Sneaky fox ran away and the elk then turned turtle back onto his feet so he could be on his way.

Elk decided to call a meeting of the forest animals and at the meeting he told them that the cause of their troubles was not each other but the sneaky fox. The sneaky fox tried to deny what he had done but the other animals no longer believed him for they had the turtle to tell them of what he had done. They banished the fox out of the forest because he couldn't live peacefully with the other animals.

Sneaky fox went to live in a meadow but he was lonely and wished for the company of the other animals even though they were not like him, but it was too late. Sneaky fox died sad and alone with nobody to mark his passing only the whispering wind through the grass of the meadow.

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CHICKASAW HEALTH INFORMATION CENTER

'Fit Kids = Happy Kids!'

Healthy eating tips pay big dividends for you, your family

The Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services Department hosted a Fit Kids = Happy Kids Seminar on September 19, 2007. More than 20 people participated in the event. Valuable information regarding children's health, nutrition and fitness was presented. Here are a few tips to get you off to the right start in giving your family the gift of good health!

Be a Good Role Model

- Your child needs you to learn healthy habits. You are the most important role model he has.
- Patience helps with pickiness – sometimes a child needs to try a new food seven to 15 times before accepting it.
- Children like foods less when they are forced to eat them.

Serve Healthy Meals and Snacks

- Share regular meals and snacks together.
- Enjoy a delicious rainbow of fruits and vegetables together each day.
- Think of snacks as mini-meals — more nutrition to help your child grow, play and learn.
- Mealtime foods make smart snacks:

-Fruits and veggies
-Bite-size cheese
-Creamy yogurt
-Low-sugar cereal and milk
-Bread with peanut butter
-Small pieces of leftovers

- Limit soft drinks and other sugary beverages. Drink milk and water at your meals and snacks.

- Start small. Let your child decide if he wants more to eat.
- Offer about one tablespoon of each food for every year of life.
- Order child-sized menu items or share meals when you eat out.
- Kids love to drink from their own special kid-sized cups. Four to six ounces is just right.
- Limit the use of baby bottles, sippy cups and sports bottles to protect your child's growing teeth.
- Small changes can make a big difference — the right-sized cup gives your child a chance to learn new skills.

Be Active Together

- Play together inside or outside every day.
- Playing with your child can help you manage your weight, too. It's a fun, easy way to be more active!
- Daily activity makes parenting easier. Active kids behave better and sleep better at naptime and at night.
- Get the whole family off on the right foot – take time to walk and talk together every day!

Contributed by Karissa Pickett, tribal media relations.

Get Fresh! Fall season kicks off

The fall season of the Chickasaw Nation Get Fresh! cooking shows has resumed.

These live and interactive shows are free and open to the public.

Shows are hosted in the Get Fresh! kitchens located at the tribal Nutrition Services building, 518 E. Arlington, and the tribal Family Life Center, 229 W. Seabrook, both in Ada.

Qualifying participants will receive incentives to attend.

Offering nutrition education for the whole family, Get Fresh! Provides free recipes, samples, and great ideas to get your family to eat healthy!

For more information, call (580) 272-5506 to ask for dates and times or to be put on the mailing list for calendars.

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MOCCASIN TRAIL IN YOUR CORNER

By Anona McCullar

Energize Anytime!

Need a mid-afternoon jolt or a between-task pick-me-up? Instead of caffeine, stand where you are-at your work station, next to your vehicle-and do this:

- Shake your hands and arms
- Shake each leg and foot, one at a time
- Swing your arms in wide circles-up and around and from side to side
- Switch arm-swing directions
- Wiggle your whole body until it feels loose
- Raise both arms above your head
- Take your left wrist with your right hand and gently stretch to the right
- Breathe into the stretch
- Keep your body straight and strong
- Switch sides and repeat

The Moccasin Trail Program would like to congratulate the following for accomplishing over the 1000 mile goal.

Congrats to Demetrius Williams!

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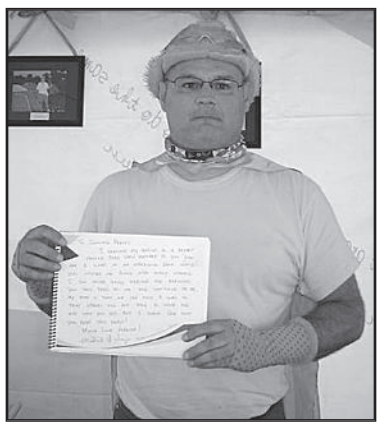
Chickasaw man works to raise breast cancer awareness



Mike Wingo in his pink Super Hero costume inside the Remembrance Tent at the Seattle 3Day event.

Every two minutes, someone in the United States is diagnosed with breast cancer.

According to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation, the five-year breast cancer survival rate for American Indian women is the lowest of any racial or ethnic group in the country. Researchers believe the low survival rate is due to lack of access and utilization of early detection services. Use of screening methods such as mammography, clinical breast exams and breast self-exams will significantly aid women in the fight against breast cancer.

Mike Wingo, a Chickasaw and customer service coordinator for the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing and Tribal Development, has taken a stand in the fight against breast cancer. Wingo actively participates in the Breast Cancer 3Day events, sponsored by the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation. Twelve of these events are conducted in the United States each year. Each event includes a 60-mile walk over the course of three days. To date, five 2007 events have raised over $26 million to help eradicate the disease.

Each event requires many support staff to assist with event activities and needs of the walkers. Wingo, as a member of the all-volunteer crew, provides various services to participants during the three-day event. He helps with serving food, hauling gear and tents, setting up tents for each camper in the mobile tent cities, cleaning the camping areas and any other duties that help the walkers.

Wingo attended the Seattle event, which had 2,351 walkers. The camp logistics crew, on which he serves, had 22 members. Each of the 22 members worked long and hard to ensure that walkers had all of their needs met. Walkers sleep in tents during the event, but they have many of the comforts of home thanks to the hard-working crew members. Hot showers, fresh meals and even a café where walkers can relax and play board games are available at each camp location.

Wingo became involved with the Breast Cancer 3Day events in April 2002. Many would assume he experienced personal tragedy on some level with the disease, but that is not the case.

A friend invited him to Dallas to attend the event. Wingo was looking for something positive in his life and credits the event as being an epiphany for him.

He "promised God to be a giver, not a taker, to encourage and not discourage" as a result of his personal experience. He is committed to seeing that advances are made in the fight against breast cancer. Since beginning his involvement, his aunt has been diagnosed with breast cancer, as well as a coworker. Many friends he has made along the way have faced the disease.

Wingo says the most important thing he has learned from his involvement with the Breast Cancer 3Day events and the many friends he has met is "we can all make a difference and not to underestimate an act of kindness and what it can mean. It may be a small thing to the giver, but for the recipient, it may be life-changing."

There is no way to avoid breast cancer, but following recommended screening guidelines and making healthy lifestyle choices may help lower the risk of the disease. Breast cancer in men is rare, but it does occur and can also be treated.

Susan G. Komen for the Cure recommends breast self-exams every month beginning by age 20; clinical breast exams by a health care provider at least every three years starting at age 20 and every year after age 40; and mammograms every year starting at age 40.

Women under 40 with a higher risk for breast cancer may need to be screened earlier and more frequently, and are urged to speak with a health care provider to determine the best preventive approach. Also, in an effort to adopt healthier lifestyle choices, everyone should:

- Be physically active
- Maintain a healthy weight
- Cut down on "bad" fats (saturated and trans fats) and consume more "good" fats (polyunsaturated and monounsaturated fats)
- Take a daily multivitamin with folic acid
- If you drink, limit alcohol intake to less than one alcoholic drink per day (for women and fewer than two drinks per day for men)
- Choose to breastfeed children instead of formula feeding them, if possible

For more information on breast cancer awareness and events in your area, visit www.komen.org.

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Letter to Editor:
Thanks for publishing family photos

Dear Editor:

I wanted to express my appreciation to Lucinda Looney Seymour for posting the family photos in the October edition of Chickasaw Times.

My grandfather, Samuel Lee Wallace of Ardmore, was related to the Looney clan, and Eula and my mother, Cleo Byrd Wallace White, were friends in Oklahoma City.

It was heartwarming to be reminded of those days. And should Ms Seymour, who I believe is my cousin, wish, she can contact me at: Bill White, 4505 29th Court SE, Lacey, WA 98503 or email [oly.oskola@comcast.net].

Thanks.

Bill White, Deputy Secretary

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Purcell –	Monday 6:00-9:00 Purcell Regional Office Teachers: Keith Shackleford and JR. Nelson
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Bank2 committed to helping people achieve their dreams

Ross Hill

By ROSS HILL
Chief Executive Officer
Bank2

Are you a dreamer? Is there something you have always hoped to accomplish but for one reason or another you just haven't been able to see your dream come true?

Every day at Bank2 we have the distinct privilege of helping make dreams come true. Time and time again we see broad smiles appear on the faces of our customers as we share the words, "You're approved!"

For many it is their first car loan, for others it is the joy of owning their own home and still for others it is seeing their name appear on the front of their new business. Who says bankers don't have fun? I'm inspired everyday by the stories of Native Americans who have caught their dreams and are enjoying the rewards of their courage, ambition and heritage.

Kevin and Terri Hutchings know what it means to see a dream come true. Both grew up in Oklahoma and have a strong appreciation for family values, education and what it means to earn an honest day's pay for an honest day's work.

As a member of the Chickasaw tribe, Kevin's Native American roots run deep. His grandfather was a full-blood Chickasaw and a proud member of the tribe. His father is a member of the Choctaw tribe and his mother is a member of the Chickasaw tribe. Kevin credits his Native American legacy for much of who he has become today.

For 17 years Kevin worked in management for Wal-Mart. Hardly a day went by that he didn't dream of someday having a business of his own. After spending nearly a year researching various business opportunities, the Hutchings determined that Kevin's business experience and Terri's credentials as a certified public accountant made them strong candidates for running their own small business. Operating a convenience store seemed like the perfect fit.

After struggling several months with paperwork and the likelihood of enormous closing fees from another bank, Kevin took the advice of his Uncle Robert and contacted Bank2 by email through our Internet site at www.bank2.biz.

By the next day Kevin received an email from us with everything we needed in order to consider his request. Within two weeks Bank2 was fully prepared to authorize the loan.

Once the loan was made, Kevin had this to say about the experience, "The entire staff at Bank2 was phenomenal. They were very friendly and called us by name each time we visited the bank. They went above and beyond the call of duty. They even gave us advice that helped us get a grant from the Chickasaw Small Business Development Center."

Business is going very well for the Hutchings. Their convenience store is located next to Foss Lake. While the hours are long and exhausting, the Hutchings are the first to admit – there is nothing like catching your dream. I couldn't agree more. I live every day helping customers catch their dreams at Bank2.

How about you? Are you ready to see your dream come true? Realizing a dream rarely comes easy but with a commitment to work, education, and planning, you too could be in the perfect position to catch your dream.

Ross A. Hill is CEO of Bank2. Bank2 is a growing $85 million full service financial institution with headquarters in Oklahoma City, Okla. Bank2 is owned 100% by the Chickasaw Nation. It's About Money is published monthly by Bank2 as a financial service to members of the Chickasaw Nation. To learn more about the many great financial services and Bank2 home loan programs designed especially for Native Americans, call toll-free nationwide, 1-877-409-2265 or visit our Web site at www.bank2.biz

O'Keefe joins Bank2 as senior vice president

Thomas P. O'Keefe

OKLAHOMA CITY - Veteran banking executive Thomas P. O'Keefe has joined Oklahoma City-based Bank2, as senior vice president of commercial and real estate lending. O'Keefe has been a leader in Oklahoma banking community for more than 25 years.

Prior to his new role on the Bank2 lending team, O'Keefe held key positions with notable banks throughout the region. Most recently he was president of an Oklahoma loan, investment and consulting firm.

In his role as senior vice president of commercial and real estate lending, O'Keefe is responsible for producing and managing his commercial loan portfolio. He is also responsible for developing and implementing critical growth strategies and goals for the loan department.

"We are very proud to have Tom as a member of our team," Bank2 CEO Ross Hill said. "He is highly respected in the banking industry and brings a vast background and experience in commercial and real estate lending."

Bank2, Hill said, loaned over $400 million in the past five years.

"We are excited to have a leader like Tom with us at Bank2 so we can continue to provide millions of dollars in additional loans to professionals, executives and small business owners," Hill said.

Bank2 is a full-service financial institution headquartered in Oklahoma City. The bank is 100% owned by the Chickasaw Nation.

Tribal WIC program provides important health, nutrition services to Moms, kids

The Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC) is a nutrition program offered by the Chickasaw Nation. WIC Clinics are located in Ada, Ardmore, Tishomingo, Sulphur, Pauls Valley, Purcell and Duncan.

WIC is designed to assist in meeting the health and nutrition needs of growing children from the prenatal period up to age five. The WIC Program offers nutrition education to teach families about nutritious choices, along with a supplemental food package high in protein, calcium, iron and vitamins A and C. The WIC Program helps people improve their diet, get immunizations and health care if needed and promotes breastfeeding as the best method for feeding infants.

To participate in the Chickasaw Nation WIC Program you must:

1. Be a pregnant or breastfeeding woman, or have had a baby in the past six months, or have a child up to five years of age.
2. Meet income guidelines.
3. Have a nutritional screening at the WIC office to see if you are at nutritional risk.

Homeless persons are served immediately upon request if the above criteria are met. Standards for participation in the program are the same for everyone regardless of race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability.

The WIC food package includes milk, cheese, fruit juice, eggs, cereal, carrots, tuna and peanut butter or dry beans/peas and infant formula for infants if needed. WIC has Peer Counselors available to assist mothers who choose to breastfeed in having a successful experience. Electric breast pumps are available for use by WIC participants at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility, Chickasaw Nation tribal headquarters (Ada), and Chickasaw Nation WIC Clinics in Ardmore, Tishomingo, Sulphur, Pauls Valley, Duncan and Purcell.

In the summer months, the Chickasaw Nation WIC participants are eligible for Farmers Market Nutrition Program checks for the purchase of fresh fruits and vegetables at local farmers markets.

For more information about the Chickasaw Nation WIC program, call (580) 436-7255. WIC has a toll free number for your convenience. The toll free number is 1-888-436-7255.

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Good things *do* come in small packages; Swanton's little volume *Chickasaw Society and Religion* greatly important

By RICHARD GREEN
Contributing Writer

I almost missed it, the little more than booklet-sized volume tucked between two larger books on the shelf. Prowling book stores for new Native American titles is part of my job as tribal historian. In this Barnes and Noble store on Piomingo Day (October 8), I was struck by the novelty of such a small book.

Sometimes, big things come in small packages, and this book was a case in point. It was a reprint of John Swanton's study of Chickasaw society that originally was published by his employer, the Smithsonian Institution's Bureau of American Ethnology (BAE) in 1928. Although the volume is small in size the contents are monumental in importance to the tribe.

Swanton, an anthropologist and linguist, had applied the same methodology to his Chickasaw study that previously he had employed with Pacific Northwest tribes and Southeastern tribes including the Choctaw and Creek. He searched for documentary source material dealing with tribal society and made notes on such subjects as marriage customs, spirituality, war rituals, crime and punishment, child-raising and clans. This material had been written by a variety of colonial officials who had lived with the tribe or had interviewed and observed tribal members in the 18th and 19th centuries.

Swanton wanted to know if the tribe's rituals, customs, stories and bits of its old social organization had been passed down to Chickasaws living in the young state of Oklahoma. Fortunately, another anthropologist named Frank Speck had spent time in Chickasaw country on the eve of statehood in 1907 and had published an article in a scientific journal. It was another valuable source of information, but the article, primarily on clan names, religious ceremonies, and tribal customs, was only eight pages in length and was based primarily on the say-so of one informant.

So, Swanton journeyed to south-central Oklahoma for a short visit in 1915 and a longer stay in 1919, setting up shop primarily in the Tishomingo area. He met Zeno McCurtain, a Chickasaw speaker and culture bearer, who agreed to be interviewed and to introduce Swanton to several of his friends (all male) who also agreed to be informants. (Swanton didn't interview Chickasaw women because he feared violating some possible sexual taboo, which might have caused the male informants to stop cooperating.)

He recorded their answers and stories and amalgamated this information with what he had learned about their 18th and 19th century ancestors from the writings of Indian trader James Adair, principally, but also others such as Bernard Romans, H.B. Cushman and Henry Schoolcraft.

The result was *Social and Religious Beliefs and Usage of the Chickasaw Indians*, a clunky title that was virtually impossible to remember. I realized that the new issue I was holding in my hands, still unopened, was an improvement in at least two ways. By reprinting it in 2006, the University of Nebraska Press had made Swanton's work more accessible to the public. And the title had been trimmed to the more economical and memorable *Chickasaw Society and Religion*.

Annotations Needed

Upon examining the new edition, however, I was disappointed to learn that the book had significant shortcomings. Except for a forward and index, the content was identical to that of Swanton's 1928 text. Identical also extended to layout, print size and type, and margins. In other words, it appeared that the manuscript had been photocopied from the BAE bulletin. There is probably no cheaper way to produce a book. Yet, the University of Nebraska Press's price for this 105 page paperback is $24.95. I wondered if this combination might weaken the book's marketability. It probably wouldn't if libraries were the primary target. What about Chickasaws? Would a book on 18th century Chickasaw social organization be of interest to Chickasaws?

The answer would seem to be, not if they don't know about it. I called six other Oklahoma City-area bookstores, and three had one copy each. So the press is distributing the book to the larger book stores in the midst or vicinity of a relatively large Chickasaw population. And yet, the *Chickasaw Times*, which is received by more than 20,000 households every month, did not receive articles or ads about the book from Nebraska press. But even book browsers like me who own or are familiar with Swanton's 1928 Chickasaw work probably would not buy the book because it contains no new information about tribal society and religion.

That is the most significant problem with this new book. It contains no annotations, that is, critical commentary or notes of explanation. So a new generation of readers could not benefit from the knowledge, insight and wisdom of the many scholars and tribal members who have reviewed and used the material--especially since 1971 when Chickasaw historical research was given a boost by the publication of Arrell Gibson's book, *The Chickasaws*.

The blurb on the back cover identifies the book as "one of the most important ethnographic sources on Chickasaw Indian society and culture ever produced." Yes, indeed, and such an important, 80-year-old work of scholarship needs updating. I doubt that Swanton ever thought of any of his works as the final word on the subject. I think Swanton himself would have wanted readers to have the benefit of the observations--including different opinions, clarifications and corrections--offered by later scholars and culturally savvy Chickasaws.

Another compelling point for annotations would have been numerous appropriate references to the major discovery of Thomas Nairne's writings on Chickasaw society made almost sixty years after Swanton's work was published. Nairne visited the Chickasaws for about a week in 1708 and the journals he kept during that time are the earliest known in-depth observations on Chickasaw society. They were discovered by accident by Alexander Moore in the mid-1980s at the British Library in London.

For example, Swanton used information in Adair's book to describe an inter-tribal peace ceremony. But it was Nairne who revealed the ceremony's name, the *fani miko*, elaborated

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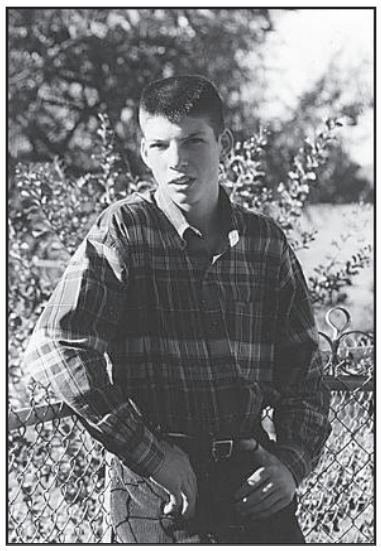
Milburn High School senior selected Chickasaw Foundation Student of the Month



Isaac Gregg

The Chickasaw Foundation established the Chickasaw Foundation Student of the Month program to recognize and honor students who display the following characteristics: good citizenship, respectful to peers and program staff, program participation, leadership qualities, positive attitude, demonstrates responsibility, community service participation, cultural/tribal activities participation and demonstrates a positive academic work ethic.

Mr. Isaac Gregg was selected as the September 2007 Student of the Month. Isaac is a senior at Milburn (OK) High School and has been a member of the Upward Bound program since 2005. He was nominated by Ms. Rebecca Easterling, Academic Advisor for the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound program.

Isaac has participated with the academic team for two years, FCA & FFA for four years and has won several contests. He has served on the student council and is also a member of the reading and chess clubs. He works part-time and attends the United Pentecostal Church where he is an usher and prepares the monthly calendar of events. His hobbies include working out at The Chickasaw Nation Wellness Center and working on his car. His future plans include attending Murray State College and studying computer techniques and welding.

Congratulations to Isaac!

Foundation issues call for artists for benefit art auction

The Chickasaw Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization. The Foundation is currently accepting donations of Native American artwork for the Foundation's art auction to be conducted during the Friends of the Foundation reception in November. This reception is conducted annually to recognize Foundation donors and volunteers. Last year the Foundation had over 25 pieces of artwork and would like to see the number double this year.

Your tax-deductible donation will benefit the Foundation and its scholarship program. Last year the Foundation was able to establish the Chickasaw Foundation Fine Arts Scholarship for any college student with a CDIB majoring in fine arts (arts, music, dramatics and dance). If you are interested in making a donation, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

The mission of the Chickasaw Foundation is to promote the general welfare and culture of the Chickasaw people by supporting educational, health, historical and community activities and programs.

Over 1,300 enjoy meal, events of Seventh Annual Cultural Evening

Lauren John provided the 7 p.m. ringing of the bell at Cultural Evening.

Lori Robins provided storytelling at Cultural Evening.

The 7th annual Cultural Evening was October 2 at Kullihoma. The Chickasaw Foundation along with the Division of Education hosted the event to a crowd of over 1,300.

The evening began with the ringing of the bell and prayer by Chickasaw elder, Ms. Pauline Brown.

A free meal of barbecue, beans, cornbread, pashofa and dessert was enjoyed by many while listening to gospel singing performed by Brandon Blankenship, Larry & Joanna Hawkins and the Blue Baptist Church. The following students from The Chickasaw Nation Head Start performed a song, numbers and colors in the Chickasaw language: Lauren John, Colton Wilson, Raelyn Kiel, Kelsey Morgan and Richard Blue. Ms. Lauren John also provided the 7 p.m. ringing of the bell.

Storytelling was provided by The Chickasaw Nation Living History Players in the Mountain House. There were tours of the other structures. A children's activity tent provided a variety of cultural games and prizes for the youngsters.

Ms. Gingy Nail, Chickasaw Nation Cultural Resources Department taught two fry-bread making classes, and had 16 students in attendance. A drug dog presentation was performed by The Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse, and The Chickasaw Nation Dance Troupe performed at dusk around the campfire.

Chickasaw Elder Pauline Brown opened Cultural Evening with prayer and ringing of the bell.

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math/Science students attended their first meeting for the new school year on September 22.

The students were transported to Golden Corral in Ada and received information on new proposed stipend and attendance policies, upcoming meetings, ACT exams and fee waivers, GPA requirements and the student of the month program. After the meal, the students traveled to East Central University for a self- guided tour of the campus directed by Upward Bound staff and ECU alumni Rici Love. Students then went to East Central's homecoming football game against Midwestern State University. Following the game, students were fed a late dinner meal at Braum's.

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound programs serve high school students in twenty-one schools within the Chickasaw Nation. For more information call (580) 371-9903.

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on its specifics and revealed that it was the key to the development of inter-tribal alliances. If readers of the new Swanton book don't already know that, they will not understand the true importance of this ceremony to Chickasaws and other Southeastern tribes.

By contrast, when a new edition of James Adair's *History of American Indians* was published in 2005, its editor, Kathryn Braund, provided 478 annotations to just over 400 pages of Adair's text. While she added all of this information herself, she got most of her material from the scholarship of others. She scoured the literature and the result improved understanding and added perspective. In addition, Braund's introductory essay on James Adair and his book—consisting of 56 pages—aided readers in the analysis of the author's intent and biases, both important to judging his competence and credibility

Introduction Needed

What readers learn about Swanton is contained in a four page forward. Forwards are brief by definition. Although this may seem like nitpicking, readers need an introduction, in which the writer has space to more thoroughly prepare readers for Swanton's work, especially since the book contains no annotations. Instead, aside from a few biographical details, we learn that Swanton was a "transitional figure in the development of ethnohistory", which we are told "combines cultural focus, theoretical frameworks, archaeological evidence, and participant observation of anthropology with the use of written documents, oral history and linguistics to understand a specific population and its history." We learn more about the discipline of ethnohistory and its development than we do about John Swanton's interaction with the Chickasaws in the early 20th century.

The forward was written by Dr. Greg O'Brien, associate professor of history at the University of Southern Mississippi. He advanced the idea of reprinting Swanton's Chickasaw work, which he said was the only one of Swanton's Southeastern Indian studies that had not been reprinted. He took a proposal to the University of Nebraska Press, which had published his book, *Choctaws in a Revolutionary Age*. "Our goal," he said, "was to make it available for a new generation of students and scholars."

In his forward, O'Brien praises the contributions of Swanton, saying he is held in "awe" by modern ethnohistorians. But he also faults him for errors. One was Swanton's belief that Southeastern tribes had nearly identical material cultures. Another was Swanton's stated disappointment with the little his Chickasaw informants knew about their tribe's 18th century social organization, which he noted seemed to have been "almost completely discarded" by tribal members. O'Brien suggests that perhaps Swanton's informants were withholding specific knowledge and stories. That's a good point. But at least Swanton took the time and trouble to ask Chickasaws. O'Brien did not.

Chickasaw Help Unsolicited

In preparation for the new edition on Chickasaw social organization, he didn't contact anyone with the Chickasaw Nation. In fairness to O'Brien, he probably never intended to expand his responsibilities on this project. Still, the press might have found someone willing and able to put in the time and work to make the book more illuminating and useful to interested readers.

There were good reasons for seeking Chickasaw input on the new edition. First and foremost, many historians today understand that it is a mistake to regard tribes merely as objects of historical or cultural study, with little or nothing to contribute. Unlike, say, fifteen years ago, when the tribe was just getting started in researching its history, the Chickasaw Nation employs several people who have not only heard the oral histories and read the documentary literature, but thought about and scrutinized this information from a different cultural viewpoint. Some of this work is obvious to anyone visiting the tribe's website or museum exhibits.

Second, O'Brien writes that Swanton's most significant contribution was the extensive use of the Chickasaw language to enhance understanding of how tribal members see the world. O'Brien writes that native scholars have always known this, and that ethnohistorians are finally realizing the value of language in understanding different cultures. Yet, the producers of this new edition apparently didn't see the advantage of contacting Chickasaw speakers to comment on Swanton's use of the language. With such contact, the editors might have been surprised to learn that the Nation has been seriously developing programs for the retention and even revitalization of the Chickasaw language.

Had this been done, the language initiatives could have been included in O'Brien's forward, where he lists titles of the "surprisingly little" that has been written about the tribe since 1928. While I won't argue with this characterization, I do note that his list is exclusively from academic sources. Only one tribally affiliated scholar is included, Amanda J. Cobb-Greetham, for her book on Bloomfield Academy. If O'Brien had contacted the tribe for comment or assistance on the Swanton edition, he might have been surprised again about how much the tribe could have contributed in the form of annotations to the text. He might also have been surprised at the amount of historical reporting and analysis that has been produced in writing, videos and exhibits by tribal members and staff.

O'Brien concludes his forward in a telling way. He notes that there are many topics about Chickasaw ethnohistory waiting to be analyzed by a new generation of scholars. He says he hopes the re-publication of Swanton's work will help to jump-start that research.

I do, too. And I have little doubt that this wish would have been facilitated if the new edition had provided valuable annotations from not only scholars but also the descendents of the Indians in question.

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Directory available for tribal entrepreneurs

A directory of businesses owned by Chickasaws is being created to help promote economic opportunity for tribal entrepreneurs.

There is no cost to be listed in the directory, which will include the name of the business, contact and location information, as well as information on the goods or services provided by the business.

In addition to a printed directory, a web site will be created to enable electronic access to all information.

Chickasaws with a CDIB who would like to be listed in the directory should provide the information requested on the form below via email to vicky.gold@chickasaw.net or complete the form below and return to *The Chickasaw Times*, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821.

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Company Name:_____

Parent Company name (if applicable):_____

Mailing Address:_____

City, State, Zip:_____

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Owner's Name:_____ Owner's Title:_____

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Brief description of product/services (be specific):_____

Ownership Information:

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Name/Title	Percent Ownership	CDIB	Tribal Affiliation

Geraldine Factor Greenwood

Services for Geraldine Factor Greenwood, 81, Ada, were Sept. 21 at Criswell Funeral Home Chapel, Ada, Okla., with the Rev. Jerry Imotichy officiating. Burial followed in Greenwood Family Cemetery at Fillmore, Okla.

Mrs. Greenwood died Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2007, at a Norman hospital. She was born Aug. 30, 1926, at Wapanucka, Okla., to McCurtin and Annie Holden Factor.

She graduated from Carter Seminary and East Central University, Ada, with a master's degree in education.

Mrs. Greenwood was a retired educator and counselor. Previously, she taught at East Central University, Murray State College, the University of Central Oklahoma and the University of Oklahoma. She was of the Baptist faith, an inductee in the Chickasaw Hall of Fame and a member of the Chickasaw Language Committee. She was honored as the "Original Dynamic Woman" of the Chickasaw Nation, and was a fluent speaker of the Chickasaw language.

She married Virgil Greenwood in Denison, Texas. He died Dec. 5, 1991, at Ada.

She is survived by two sons, Leon V. Greenwood, of the home, and Dewayne Greenwood, Blanchard, Okla.; seven daughters, Pat Greenwood Cox, Lou Greenwood Boston and Georgie Frazier, all of Ada, Linda Greenwood, Pine Ridge, S.D., Carolyn Mendoza, Oklahoma City, Evelyn Battiest, Coalgate, Okla., and Dianne Catron, Tishomingo, Okla.; her adopted sons, Brad Greenwood and Ric Greenwood, both of Norman; 21 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Bearers were Scott Colbert, Stanley Factor, Tony Choate, Palmer Mosley, Malcom Smith, Colby Laymon, and Sam Greenwood. Honorary bearers were Chickasaw Gov. Bill Anoatubby, and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel.

Zachary Ryan Mulanax

Zachary Ryan Mulanax, 23, of Midwest City, Okla., died Sept. 20, 2007. Services were Sept. 24, 2007 at Candlewood Chapel of Ford Funeral Services, Del City, Okla. His family and friends incorporated elements of traditional Chickasaw burial at his interment in Sunnylane Cemetery in Del City.

He was born April 4, 1984 to Randy and Leigh Mulanax in Oklahoma City.

He graduated from Midwest City High School in 2003 and is listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*. He was an excellent cook both professionally and as a hobby. He loved his dogs, Charlie, Seven and Vega. He was a free spirit and a very unique and special person. He loved music and was a gifted guitarist. Most of all he loved his family and spending time with his friends.

Mr. Mulanax was proud of his Chickasaw heritage. His Chickasaw lineage includes his mother, E. Leigh (Suggs) Mulanax, maternal grandfather, Harwood Suggs, great-grandmother, the late Esther (DeArmon) Suggs, great-great-grandmother the late Laura Lee (Perry) DeArmon, and great-great-great-grandfather, the late Albert Wesley Perry who was a deputy U.S. Marshal.

He loved nature, camping, hiking, fishing, star-gazing, exploring and having fun outdoors.

He is preceded in death by his grandfather, Harold Mulanax.

He is survived by his parents, Randy and Leigh; a sister, Shellie Owen, Oklahoma City; a brother, Kevin and his wife Jennifer Mulanax, Tuttle, Okla.; grandmother, Lillie Mulanax, Del City; grandparents, Harwood and Ida Suggs, Midwest City; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives; and many, many friends.

Pall bearers were Randy Mulanax, Kevin Mulanax, Blake Mulanax, John Suggs, Bob Weaver, Shane Weaver, Chris Clark, Ross Clark, Derek Clark, Wayne Saucier and Michael Jones.

Billie Carol Strain

Graveside services for Billie Carol Strain, 62, Ada, Okla., were Oct. 1, 2007 at Rosedale Cemetery. Rev. George Carson officiated.

She died Sept. 28, 2007 at a local hospital. She was born Aug. 26, 1945 at Ada, to Jim and Billie Rose Hayes Goodwin.

She attended the Ada School System and graduated from Ada High School. She graduated from the Valley View Regional Hospital Nursing School as a licensed practical nurse. She was employed at Valley View Regional Hospital for many years. She moved to Florida for five years and later to Salem, Ore., for 20 yeas before returning to Ada.

She attended Grace Christian Fellowship Church, Ada.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Billie Parker; two aunts, Betty Goodwin and Tawana Tudor; and an uncle, Amos "Buster" Hayes.

She is survived by her closest companion, Clifton Branscum, of the home; her stepfather, George Parker, Ada; her father and stemother, Jim Goodwin and wife Betty, Ada; a brother, Gary Don Parker, Houston, Texas; and several adopted brothers and sisters; an aunt, Virginia Bowers, Ada; and a niece, Heather Darlene Dupré, Houston.

Sophia Lea Barker

Sophia Lea Barker, 85, died Oct. 4, 2007 at her home. Services were Oct. 11, 2007 at Mt. View Memorial Chapel, Myrtle Creek, Ore. Burial followed in Roseburg Memorial Gardens, Roseburg, Ore.

She was born April 8, 1922 to Thad and original enrollee Nora Shipman at Overbrook, Okla.

She was very proud to be 1/4 Native American and instilled that pride in her children.

She was raised in Abner, Okla., and attended Meadowbrook and Greenville Schools, and was a member of the basketball and baseball teams.

She married Jeff O. Barker, Sept. 16, 1939. They moved to Niles (Fremont), Calif., in the 1940s. She worked as a nurse in the hospital at the Masonic House Decoto (Union City), Calif., for 35 years, where she dedicated herself to the care of the patients. She retired from there at the age of 62.

She spent her retirement years loving and caring for her family. She moved to Tracy, Calif., in 2000 helping with the care of four great-grandsons, later moving to be near her youngest son and his family. Her love of her family was the most important thing in her life. She loved all the family reunions and get togethers and the long evenings of playing the card game, Pitch, beating her husband, Jeff, at Pitch delighted her the most.

She was preceded in death by her father, Than E. Shipman (1957); her mother, Nora Shipman (1993); and a brother Thad Shipman, Jr. (2003)

She is survived by her husband of 68 years, Jeff, Myrtle Creek; her children and their spouses, Kent and Bea Barker, Anchorage, Ala., Barbara and Conrad Keelin, Tracy, Calif, and Larry and Judi Barker, Myrtle Creek; eight grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren; her siblings and their families, D.C. and Zelma Shipman, Myrtle Creek, Jean Cary, Ardmore, Okla., Gail Shipman, Riddle, Ore.; sister-in-laws, Lorelle Shipman, Fremont, Calif, Gorum Simpson, Ardmore, Margaret Renick Ewing, Ardmore; an aunt, Wilbert Gates, Fremont; cousin, Wanda Faye Smith, Richmond, Calif; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

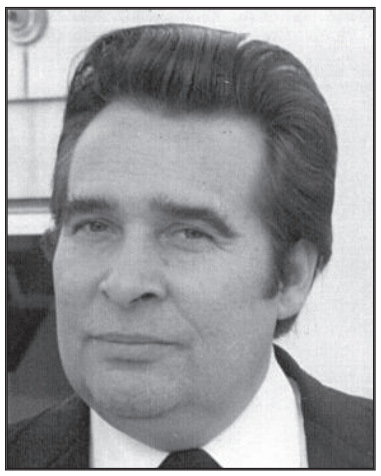
Note of thanks

The Family of Geraldine Greenwood would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, money, food, flowers and all the help that was given to us during the loss of our mother. Thank You! Governor Bill Anoatubby, and Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel, the Chickasaw Nation, Chickasaw Enterprises, all employees you are truly the most kindhearted, giving people. We are truly blessed with such good friends and family.

On Tuesday evening after Mom passed the grandsons built a fire that burned until Friday after Mom was buried.

Thursday night we celebrated Mom's life as we gathered with the family drum and sang songs and cooked Pashofa over an open fire. People from near and far came to celebrate and eat. This is how Granny wanted us to do for her. She would have been happy to see all the people and the children having a celebration together. All the grandsons and daughters cut their hair as a sign of our family in mourning. After seventeen days of mourning we can come back to tribal celebrations. Thanks to everyone who came. God Bless

J. Kenneth Love



J. Kenneth Love, 79, of Goldsby, Okla., died June 15, 2007 at Norman Regional Hospital. The oldest of three sons, he was born Oct. 24, 1927 to Robert Benjamin Love and Irene Greenhaw Love at Tishomingo, Okla. He was a retired judge.

He was the grandson of the late Robert J. Love who was the founding father of the city of Purcell, Okla. He also donated the land for Hillside Cemetery and built the Love Hotel in Purcell.

Mr. Love's family lived in Tishomingo until he completed first grade. They then moved to Purcell where he attended Purcell Schools through the 11th grade. For his senior years he attended and graduated from the Oklahoma Military Academy in 1945. From 1946-1947 he served as a U.S. Army paratrooper during World War II. From 1950-1951 he served during the Korean Conflict. In between wars Mr. Love attended East Central University in Ada, Okla. In 1952 after the Korean Conflict he received his bachelor of science degree in business. From 1952 to 1963 he was employed by Conoco in Ponca City, Okla. He married Helen Coffman in 1962. In 1964 they moved to Moore, Okla., and he attended the University of Oklahoma, receiving his Juris Doctorate Degree in 1967. He practiced law in Moore from 1967 – 1972 and was municipal attorney for the City of Moore from 1971 – 1972 and served as the special district judge for Cleveland (OK) County from 1972-1979.

He furthered his education by graduating from the National Judicial College at Reno, Nevada. He served as the Associate District Judge for McClain County from 1979 – 1983 and was elected District Judge for the Oklahoma counties McClain, Garvin and Cleveland in 1982. Before retiring he served as presiding District Judge of McClain and Garvin counties from 1982 -1993. Throughout his life Judge Love enjoyed flying and traveling with his wife Helen.

He was preceded in death by, his great-grandparents, Robert J. and Sally Love; his parents, Robert B. and Irene Love, and a brother, George C. Love.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Love, of the home; two sons, Richard Pray and his wife Marlaine, Ennis, Texas, Robert Pray and his wife Adriane, Paron, Ark.; a granddaughter, Taylor Pray; a brother, Robert "Bob" C. Love and his wife Martha, Rowlett, Texas; two sisters-in-laws, Thelma Maddon, Goldsby, and Alice Putnam, Blanchard; and several nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Funeral services were June 23, 2007 at Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel, Purcell. Officiating were Rev. Wayne Brown. Eulogist was Judge Bill Hetherington and Judge Tom Lucas. Interment followed in Hillside Cemetery, Purcell.

Pall bearers were Phil Redwine, Bill Woodson, Joel Barr, Mike McDanel, Bob Rennie, Jr., and Joe Farnan.

Maxine Hovarter

Maxine Hovarter died Oct. 20, 2007 after her battle with cancer. Services were Oct. 24, 2007 at Capitol Hill Baptist Church, Moore, Okla.

She was born April 6, 1927 to Isaac Alberson and Lettie Nicholson (Streetman) at Coalgate, Okla.

She was a longtime active member of Capitol Hill Baptist Church and had been the Oklahoma County Girls Auxiliary coordinator for the Oklahoma Southern Baptist Convention.

She retired after working 29 years for the Oklahoma City Public Schools at Jefferson Middle School as a cafeteria worker. She loved to cook for the youth at Falls Creek encampment and many south-side churches' fellowship meals. She also cooked for the OKC Capitol Hill Lions Club.

She was proud of her Chickasaw heritage and was active in the Oklahoma City Chickasaw Community Council.

She is preceded in death by her parents; a brother George Streetman; and a grandson, Nathan Hovarter.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years, John Hovarter; her children, Edgar Hovarter and wife Marla, Oklahoma City, Billy Hovarter and wife Debby, Oklahoma City, Tracie Hovarter Vaughn and husband, Jeff, Norman, Okla., and Jerry Hovarter and wife Stacey, Choctaw, Okla.; grandchildren, Stefani Hovarter, Joey Hovarter and wife, Chasiti, Matt Hovarter, Jay Hovarter and wife Kacey, Cheyenne Vaughn, Dakota Vaughn, Sierra Vaughn, and Jaxon Hovarter; great-grandchildren, Jordan Stouder, and Kayla and Max Hovarter.

William I. "Bill" Paul, Jr.

William I. "Bill" Paul, Jr., died at his home Sept. 10, 2007. Services were Sept. 13, 2007 at Elmore City Church of Christ and burial was at Elmore City Cemetery.

He was born March 18, 1921 to original enrollee William I. Paul, Sr., and Willie Kate Bragg Paul.

He grew up in Elmore City, Okla., and graduated from Elmore City High School and attended college at A&M at Stillwater, Okla. After college he was employed as a store manager at Wacker, Inc., located in Pauls Valley, Okla.

He married Carmoleta Vaughn, Nov. 26, 1941. They had three children, Bileta (Oct. 28, 1944), William I. Paul, III (Oct. 1, 1947) and Jimmie Carol (July 8, 1949).

He was called into military service during World War II. He attended officer's school and was assigned to the Pacific Theater. He spent two years in Japan with occupational troops.

He returned to work at Wacker's Inc., to manage a store in Kilgore, Texas where he and his family lived for three years before returning to Elmore City. After returning to Elmore City he was called back into active service as an officer of the 45th Division and was sent to the Korean conflict. After his service in the Korean conflict he began farming and ranching and was employed by Phillips Oil Company and later by the U.S. Postal Service until his retirement. In 1993 he retired from farming due to health issues.

The most important things in his life were being a Christian, husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He served as a deacon and an elder in the Elmore City Church of Christ for 35 years. He was a devout scholar of the Bible. He searched diligently for the truth of the scripture and was convinced he found it. He lived and believed in the scripture "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." His faith and knowledge of God's work, as he expressed it made him the kind of husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather that God wanted him to be.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Bileta Burns (1994).

He is survived by his wife, Carmoleta, of the home; a son, William I. Paul, III of Ada, Okla.; a daughter, Jimmie Carol Blaker, of Sugarland, Texas; seven grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and eight step-great-grandchildren.

Mary Gaile Waddell

Mary Gaile Waddell, 65, died Sept. 27, 2007 at Rendon, Texas. Funeral services were Oct. 2, 2007 at Skyview Victoria Chapel and interment in Dallas-Ft. Worth National Cemetery.

She was born May 5, 1942 to John Ridgway and Mary (Georgie) Drake at El Paso, Texas.

She was raised in El Paso and graduate from Ysleta (TX) High School.

She was one-eighth Chickasaw and the granddaughter of Maggie Mae Poff an original enrollee.

She loved to travel and traveled all over the world. She loved animals, her herb and flower garden and she never met a stranger. She retired from T.D. Industries in 2005.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Waddell; her grandparents; and her father.

She is survived by her mother, Georgie Selly; sisters, Karen Rowe and friend Al Chitwood, Maxine Tieman and husband Robert, Carol Atterbury and friend John Barroza; a brother, John Ridgway; an aunt, Patricia Bailey and husband Roland; an uncle, George Drake and wife Mary; and numerous cousins, nephews, nieces and friends.

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